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Summer blockbusters

## Canadians not keen on Iggy

**POLITICS** Michael Ignatieff is by far the least popular federal political leader, a new poll suggests.

Only 26 per cent of Canadians had a positive impression of the Liberal leader, according to The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey. Twice that number, 52 per cent, had a negative impression, leaving Ignatieff with a net score of minus 26.

Almost the same number — 51 per cent — had an unfavourable impression of Prime Minister Stephen Harper. But he was viewed favourably by 42 per cent, for a net score of minus nine. By contrast, NDP Leader Jack Layton scored a net rating of plus 10, with 46 per cent holding a positive view and 36 per cent a negative view.

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Spain

## Wedding belle

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Actress Mischa Barton presents a creation from Rosa Clara's 2011 bridal collection yesterday at the Fira 2 Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain.

# Colonel killed

## Car bomb claims Oakville soldier in Afghanistan

**The highest-ranking member of the Canadian Forces to die to date in Afghanistan was a career infantryman and "rising star," admired for his smarts and professionalism and loved as a friend with an infectious sense of humour, one of his fellow colonels said yesterday.**

Col. Geoff Parker

Col. Geoff Parker, 42, a one-time commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment, was killed when a man believed to be working for the Taliban drove a car full of explosives into a NATO convoy during morning rush hour on the edge of Kabul.

The attack also killed 12 Afghan civilians and five U.S. soldiers, making it the single deadliest strike against the coalition in Afghanistan's capital city in more than seven months.

Parker, based at Land Force Central Area Headquarters in Toronto, was in Kabul preparing his team for an upcoming undisclosed mission, said Col. Simon Hetherington, deputy commander of Task Force Kandahar.

"The post he was preparing to fill was important and of such high profile that he was handpicked from across the army to do so," Hetherington told a news conference at Kandahar Airfield.

"A rising star, his potential was undeniable."

In a statement that seemed more detailed than those that usually accompany news of Canadian casualties, Hetherington described Parker, born and raised in Oakville, as a fun-loving officer who was well-loved and respected within the Canadian military.

Parker was the seventh Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan this year and the 145th member of the Canadian Forces to die as part of the mission since it began eight years ago.

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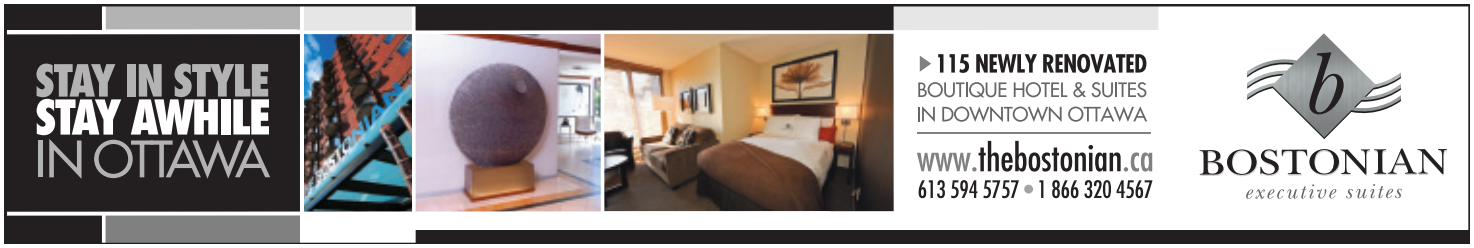




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# Some fines will never be collected: Province

## Municipalities on front line of enforcing traffic tickets

**More than $1 billion in unpaid traffic tickets in Ontario has been accumulating for more than a decade, and the government admitted yesterday some if it will never be recovered.**

The province gave municipalities the right to collect traffic fines in 2002, and said they could try to collect $485 million in unpaid tickets it was owed at the time.

That figure has since ballooned to $1,048,600,000.

Dalton McGuinty

The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards called on the province to give municipalities more power to collect unpaid fines.

However, Premier Dalton McGuinty said the province gave municipalities extra powers to do just that last fall, and he wants more time to see if they are working.

"We made some changes recently through one of our good government bills to give some new authority to our municipalities when it comes to attacking these kinds of outstanding fines," said McGuinty.

"I'm not sure we've had enough time to determine whether or not it's working fully."

Some of the unpaid tickets date back many years, said Attorney General Chris Bentley, who admitted some of the fines will never be paid.

"I suspect there's a lot of historical unpaid fines in there going back many years that nobody's ever going to collect anyway, and that municipalities long ago gave up on," said Bentley.

Municipalities also have the power to decline to issue licence plate renewals for drivers with unpaid tickets, and to add unpaid fines to the property tax rolls, and it's up to them to collect the outstanding money, noted Bentley.

"They're on the front lines of enforcing and collecting, and I think they need to make sure they're doing everything that they can," he said.

"It doesn't matter to me how much it is. The fact that money is outstanding is something that I'm interested in."

A large portion of the unpaid tickets in Ontario are from American drivers, said Alok Mukherjee, president of the Association of Police Services Boards.

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## Pedestrian zones planned at U of T and Ryerson

**"I really have my fingers crossed that it's all ready for Frosh Week."**
Fiona Chapman, Pedestrian Projects manager

**STREET CLOSURES** Streets in the heart of the Ryerson and University of Toronto campuses will be turned into pretty promenades this fall for a city study on pedestrian-only zones.

Planter boxes will prevent vehicles from accessing small stretches of road. There will be tables and chairs for lounging students and passersby, and the University of Toronto is planning to provide Wi-Fi.

At Ryerson, the plan is to block off Gould Street from O'Keefe Lane to Bond Street, and Victoria Street from Gould to a parking garage just north of Dundas.

At U of T, Willcocks Street will be closed between St. George and Huron. Part of Devonshire Place is also being considered, said Fiona Chapman, manager of Pedestrian Projects, but university construction will probably prevent that strip from going walkers-only for the fall launch date.

"I really have my fingers crossed that it's all ready for Frosh Week," said Chapman, who added construction in and around both schools, as well as G20 security planning, has delayed the initiative.

The idea is to set up both zones in September and gauge their success over one school term, observing traffic, pedestrian safety and the effects on local business.

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## Olympics **Golden display**

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**Owen Bradley, 6, and Spencer Peter, 12, both of Neustadt, examine the Double Gold exhibit yesterday at the Hockey Hall of Fame. Sidney Crosby's Olympic winning stick has been put on display along with his gloves, completing the exhibit.**

## News in brief

**CLARIFICATION** A May 18 article about the shooting death of a 15-year-old boy Monday morning reported that friends identified Devante Beard as the victim. In fact, Devante Beard, 16, a student at York Memorial Collegiate, was not the victim in this shooting. As Toronto police reported yesterday, the name of the 15-year-old killed in the shooting was Devonte Gondwe-Prosper.

MORE COVERAGE, PAGE 6

**MEMORIAL** Hundreds of Tamil Canadians gathered yesterday at the Ontario legislature to remember the thousands of Tamils killed a year ago as Sri Lanka's civil war ended. Last May 18, Sri Lanka's government declared victory in its 25-year civil war against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Last year, Tamil groups protested to urge Canada to press for a ceasefire.

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# 'We want to do it right'

## Drug reform delay not about conflict: Minister

**A sudden delay in eliminating fees that pharmacies receive from generic drug companies has nothing to do with the province's fight with the industry, Health Minister Deb Matthews said yesterday.**

The regulatory changes, which were supposed to take effect May 15, have been put off until mid-June, she said.

"We're taking the time it takes to make sure we get it right," she said. "As I say, these are big changes. We want to do it right."

Matthews insists she's not taking extra time to sweeten the deal with pharmacists, who have waged a very public war against the cuts.

The government won't go over the almost $300 million it has already put on the table that would increase dispensing fees, help rural and northern pharmacies, and pay pharmacists for new health-related services, she said.

The ministry is combing through about 50 detailed submissions it received about the draft regulations aimed at ending the so-called "professional allowances" drug companies provide to pharmacies in exchange for shelf space, she said.

The only room for compromise is how the money that's being offered to pharmacists will be spent, Matthews said.

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### Direct funding

- Ontario pharmacists have asked the government for at least $260 million a year in direct funding to drop their opposition to the plan to cut $750 million a year in fees paid to them by generic drug companies.

## Downtown **Shall we dance?**

CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A couple is seen dancing yesterday at the corner of Bay and King streets in the financial district.

## Bill aims to export clean-water technology

**INNOVATION** Exporting clean-water technology and not Ontario's fresh water is the aim of new legislation that will make the province the leading clean-water jurisdiction in North America, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

The aim is to bring together industry, academics and government to develop the sector and promote its products abroad, said McGuinty.

"This is all about opening up a new opportunity for us to do well for others — we have a world that is going thirsty for clean water — and to do a good for ourselves by creating jobs here," he said.

The premier went out of his way to make it clear the legislation introduced yesterday will not allow bulk sales of water and does not make it easier for companies that sell bottled water to start taking even more water from Ontario.

"We're not in the business of selling water," he said. "What we will sell is our know-how, our technologies and our services."

The government wants to make it easier for people to use less water, and won't set out to raise water bills to encourage conservation, but could offer financial help, added McGuinty. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Funeral for soldier killed by bomb set for Friday**

Funeral arrangements have been finalized for a Canadian soldier killed by a roadside bomb last week while on foot patrol in Afghanistan. Services for Pte. Kevin McKay will be held Friday morning at the Barrie Armoury in Barrie. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Shooting suspect surrenders

**Toronto police say a suspect wanted in the fatal shooting of a 15-year-old boy has turned himself in.**

Police issued an arrest warrant for Sheronnie Thomas and in a news conference yesterday urged him to surrender.

Thomas, 18, is charged with first-degree murder and is scheduled to appear in court this morning.

Police say Devonte Gondwe-Prosper was shot in the face Monday when he answered the door at an apartment in the Keele Street and Eglinton Avenue area.

He was pronounced dead at hospital.

Police say they believe the victim and the suspect knew each other and there may have been some kind of dispute between them.

Det. John Biggerstaff has said there is no evidence the shooting was gang related. "What precipitated this act would be between the two of them," he said.

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Toronto Police Const. Tony Vella holds up a picture of Sheronnie Thomas at a press conference yesterday as Det. John Biggerstaff puts out a call for information to find Thomas, who is accused of the murder of 15-year-old Devonte Gondwe-Prosper. Thomas turned himself in to police yesterday.

## News in brief

**SPORTS** Charles Merrick Francis, one of Canada's most controversial coaches, was remembered yesterday at Rosedale Presbyterian Church not as the man behind sprinter Ben Johnson's steroid scandal, but as a loving husband and father, who was devoted to his family and fiercely loyal to his athletes. Francis died at Sunnybrook hospital last week after a five-year battle with non-Hodgkin lymphoma. He was 61. Francis garnered notoriety after the 1988 Seoul Olympics, when it was discovered that he counselled Johnson, his longtime protégé, to use steroids.

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# City hoping to recoup extra Bloor revamp costs

**DELAYS** City hall hopes to gain back "100 per cent" of the $4.5 million in additional funding needed to complete the Bloor Street beautification project.

The city's public works committee approved the amount with little discussion Thursday after reviewing a staff report that highlighted expensive delays caused by underground obstacles, traffic signal issues and asbestos.

Chair Glenn De Baeremaeker said taxpayers probably won't be on the hook for most of that money. "The project delays were caused by a number of factors, not the city, but by Toronto Hydro, by private businesses, by a whole bunch of circumstances," he said. "We're just saying to go ahead and pay the contractors and we'll recoup the money ... virtually all of it — so I would say approximately 100 per cent (will be covered) by other parties."

The most significant expense — a little less than half the total — was caused by delays having to do with underground hydro chambers.

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# McGuinty not defending Marin: Critics

**POLITICS** Premier Dalton McGuinty is washing his hands of Liberal "skulduggery" against ombudsman Andre Marin, opposition critics charged yesterday.

The premier speaks highly of Marin, but won't condemn the smear campaign by unnamed Liberals questioning Marin's expenses and attacking his reputation, they say.

"There seems to be a little bit of a Pontius Pilate in the premier this morning as he tries to distance himself from the attacks by some of his leading caucus members," said NDP house leader Peter Kormos.

McGuinty acknowledged yesterday that the tone of the debate is "getting a little out of hand."

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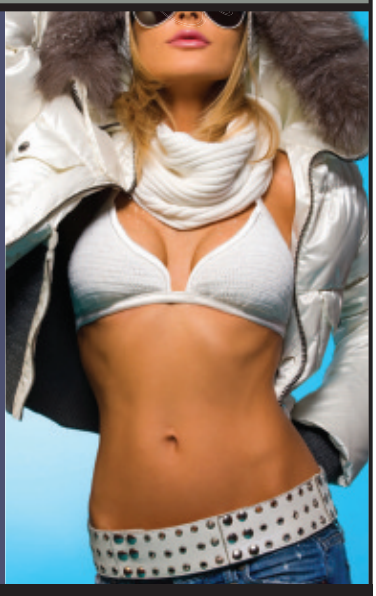

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**Toronto Zoo employees ratify new offer**

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The New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez is one of the athletes who has been treated by Dr. Anthony Galea of Toronto.

# City sports doctor faces U.S. charges

## Medic treated top pro athletes

**A Toronto sports doctor who has treated superstar athletes saw his legal woes compounded yesterday as U.S. authorities followed Canada's lead in criminally charging Dr. Anthony Galea.**

Galea

Galea, who has treated Tiger Woods, Alex Rodriguez and other sports stars, has been charged in the U.S. with smuggling, unlawful distribution of human growth hormone and conspiring to lie to federal agents.

The federal criminal complaint filed yesterday in Buffalo also charges the doctor with introducing the unapproved drug Actovegin into interstate commerce and conspiracy to defraud the United States.

"Today's complaint reveals that those responsible for the flow of illegal drugs into our country can come from all walks of life," said U.S. Attorney William Hochul.

Galea is not authorized to work in the United States, Hochul said, and is accused of repeatedly entering the country from 2007 to 2009 to treat professional athletes from Major League Baseball, the National Football League and Professional Golfers' Association.

During that time, he billed three football players about $200,000 US, Hochul said.

The U.S. charges come several months after Galea was charged in Canada with four counts relating to Actovegin. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Researchers honoured

**AWARDS** Dr. Jeff Wrana, a Mount Sinai hospital researcher, had his work recognized yesterday with a Premier's Summit Award for exceptional advances in medicine across the province. Wrana's award was among a number of prizes handed out at the 2010 Premier's Innovation Awards ceremony in Toronto, recognizing world class research in Ontario.

Summit award winners, who also include top Hospital for Sick Children stem cell researcher Dr. Janet Rossant, will each receive $5 million over five years toward their work — half supplied by the province, and half from the hospital.

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Richard Brooks, forest campaign co-ordinator for Greenpeace, speaks during a press conference yesterday in Toronto. Canada's top pulp and paper companies have agreed to immediately stop logging on 29 million hectares of northern forest in a historic agreement with environmental groups.

# Past foes join to save forests

## Deal called precedent-setting

**Canada's top pulp and paper companies, and the environmental groups that spent years fighting them, have united in an unlikely alliance to stop logging 29 million hectares of threatened northern forests in what has been dubbed "the world's largest conservation agreement."**

The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement, announced yesterday in Toronto, comes after three years of negotiations and a fierce public relations campaign that criticized Canada's forestry companies for the degradation of the country's so-called boreal forests in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.

Environmentalists seated at one end of a table and industry leaders at the other — both on the same side — emphasized the precedent-setting nature of the three-year framework agreement, which calls for world-leading environmental standards, protecting species at risk and action on climate change.

The nine environmental groups are suspending "do not buy" campaigns.

Avrim Lazar, president and CEO of the Forest Products Association of Canada, said the former foes were able to trust each other after realizing the practicality in compromise: That loggers need trees to make a living, but that endangered woodland caribou need a habitat to live.

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### Agreement

- The agreement covers 72 million hectares including the 29 million where forestry firms have agreed to immediately stop new logging. The area where logging will be stopped is equivalent to about half the size of Manitoba.

## 34 teens arrested in drug sweep

**CLARINGTON** Durham regional police say they've made 34 arrests in a drug project that targeted illegal drug activity at Clarington high schools.

Police say plainclothes officers as well as patrol officers made numerous arrests of people using or selling illegal drugs in various locations near the high schools.

A total of 19 youths were processed through the youth diversion program as first-time offenders.

Fifteen other youths are now facing a total of 29 charges, including possession of a controlled substance, trespass to property, assault and breach of recognizance.

Police say in one incident, 13 boys and girls were arrested after officers found them smoking marijuana in a ravine.

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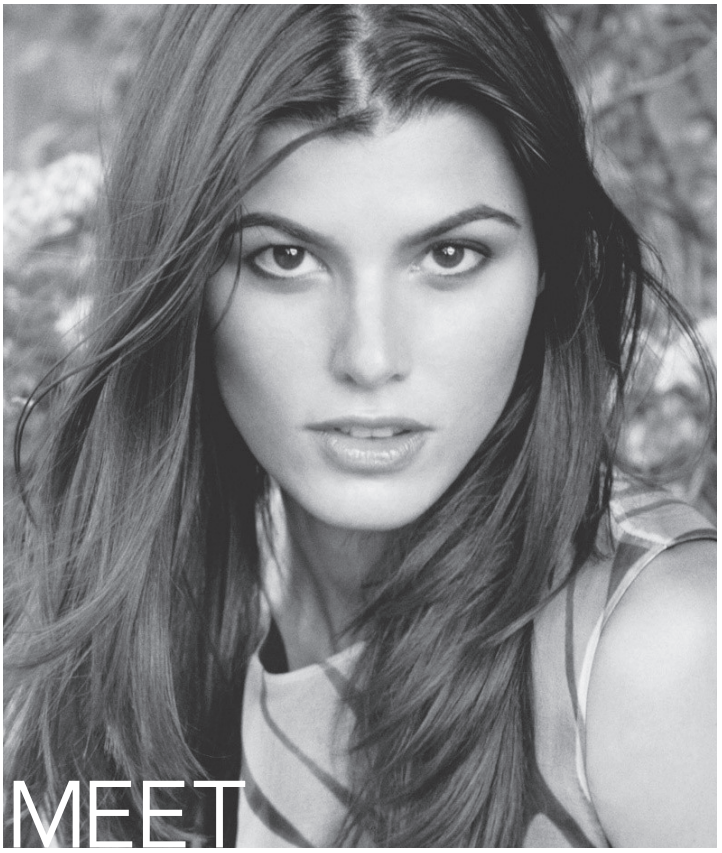


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**Parachutist's body may have to remain in Nunavut**

The body of an Australian sport parachutist who died jumping off a huge cliff on a remote and rugged section of the Baffin Island coastline may have to remain in its icy grave. Sgt. Jimmy Akavak of the Iqaluit RCMP says it may be too dangerous and expensive to find and recover the body of Jim Mitchell. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada

## Furlong joins Own The Podium

**The man who headed up the 2010 Winter Games is taking on a new Olympic challenge. John Furlong, left, has been named chair of the Own The Podium advisory board. The $117-million program was launched in 2004 to help Canadian athletes win the most medals at the 2010 Games. While they didn't walk away with the most medals, Canadians won a record 14 gold.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Michelle Muntean, shown in 2008, has her full-time salary paid by the Conservative party, not taxpayers, it has been revealed. Muntean is the personal stylist of Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

# Secret's out: PM's style on Tory dime

**A debate over opening the shutters on MP expenses and letting the auditor general peek in has already produced one ray of sunshine.**

It turns out the personal stylist employed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper to primp him for public appearances is now on the payroll of the Conservative Party of Canada, not taxpayers, according to a senior government source.

"We just don't talk about personnel matters, but off the record, she's paid by the party," said the source.

How Michelle Muntean's full-time salary is paid has been a closely guarded secret by the Prime Minister's Office since Harper came to power in 2006. But as parliamentarians defended a decision last week to stop auditor general Sheila Fraser from looking into their expense accounts, some questioned whether such an audit would finally solve the mystery of Harper's personal groomer.

Muntean used to be on the public payroll, the source confirmed, but her salary was transferred to the Conservative party books sometime since 2007, though the source said they didn't know why. As for her extensive travel expenses, government sources have always said they're paid by the party.

No one in the PMO has gone on the record about her salary, meaning no one can be held accountable for statements made to the media that turn out to be false or misleading. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Questions still unanswered

- The salary of the PM's stylist used to be paid by taxpayers, and it's still not known how much she was paid during that time, or what mechanism was used. Access to Information requests revealed no contracts, and inquires by the NDP in the House of Commons came up empty.

# Motive was the key: Lawyer

**TERRORISM** Convicted terrorist Momin Khawaja could have been acquitted if motive hadn't been excluded from his trial, his lawyer told the Ontario Court of Appeal yesterday.

During the first day of a three-day hearing, defence lawyer Lawrence Greenspon said it was a surprise to both the defence and the Crown that the motive clause was severed from Khawaja's 2006 trial.

Federal politicians said motive was at the heart of Canada's Anti-terrorism Act when it was rushed through Parliament in 2001 after the 9-11 attacks in the U.S., Greenspon noted.

"We could have secured acquittal if we could have attacked motive," he told the three-judge panel.

A terrorist act is defined as one being committed for a political, religious or ideological purpose, objective or cause, and that motive distinguishes it from other crimes.

Momin Khawaja

Ontario Superior Court Justice Douglas Rutherford ruled during the 2006 trial that the motive clause violated freedom of religion, expression and association under the charter.

That meant the Crown didn't need that element to prove its case, Greenspon said yesterday, and the defence didn't need to call evidence about the Ottawa software developer's intentions. If the Crown had to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Khawaja's motive was political, religious or ideological, the defence would have argued its case differently, he said.

The Crown is asking the court to give Khawaja, 31, a life sentence plus another 33 years to be served consecutively.

The defence wants the court to overturn Khawaja's convictions, order a new trial or reduce his sentence to time served.

Khawaja, the first person charged under the act, was arrested in 2004.

The Ottawa-born man was sentenced to 10½ years in prison beyond almost five years in pretrial custody after being convicted in 2008 of five counts of financing and facilitating terrorism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

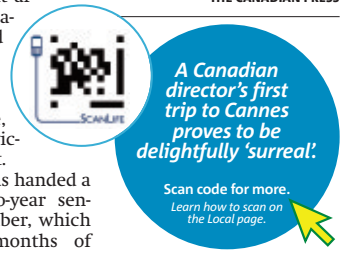
# Court rules abusive doctor must serve two years in jail

**ASSAULT** An Ottawa psychiatrist convicted of sexually assaulting a patient has seen his house arrest sentence upgraded to two years behind bars by Ontario's highest court.

Dr. Juan Tejeda was found guilty of two counts of sexual assault after a former patient testified the psychiatrist plied him with alcohol to have sex in his office, car and in the victim's apartment.

Tejeda, 66, was handed a conditional two-year sentence in December, which included 16 months of house arrest and 240 hours of community service.

Yesterday, the Ontario Court of Appeal imposed a prison term, saying the original sentence was "manifestly inadequate" given the "extreme nature of the breach of trust." THE CANADIAN PRESS



## News in brief

**PURSUIT** A Hamilton police officer is in hospital after being hit by a car allegedly driven by a fleeing break-and-enter suspect. Police say officers responded to a reported break-and-enter when a suspect got into a vehicle and allegedly struck one of the responding officers in the leg. Police caught a second suspect, but the suspect in the car managed to get away.

**EDUCATION** The B.C. government has launched an investigation of the agency that oversees discipline for teachers in public and private schools after complaints the agency is too cosy with the teachers' union. The review has the support of groups representing parents, trustees and principals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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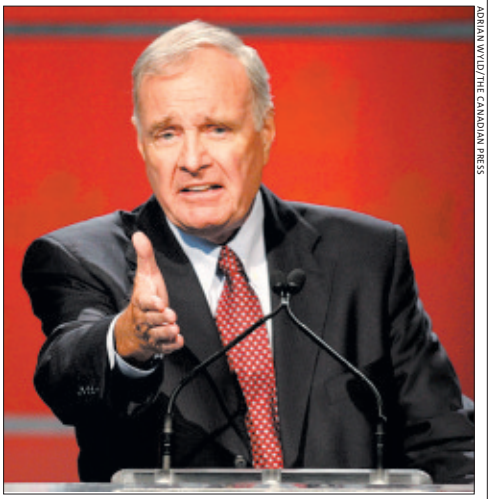
**B.C. teacher facing sex charges**

Jason Epp, 38, an elementary school teacher in Chilliwack, B.C., is facing four sex charges involving at least two young students. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Bank tax furor a 'diversion': Martin

**Former prime minister Paul Martin says Stephen Harper is wrong to expend his pre-summit political capital fighting a global bank tax that has little chance of ever becoming a reality.**



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Former prime minister Paul Martin says Prime Minister Stephen Harper should push for stronger rules for banks and financial institutions, rather than harping on a proposed global bank tax.

Instead, Harper should take advantage of his time in the international spotlight to push for stronger rules for banks and financial institutions, says Martin.

The prime minister's high-pitched focus on fighting the bank tax proposal distracts from the urgent need to get G20 agreement on better financial regulation, Martin said in an interview.

He said he sees the tax proposal as a way of shifting attention from the need for tougher rules.

"I think the bank tax is a diversion," Martin said. "Not by Canada, but by a lot of other countries. And I don't think we should allow ourselves to be diverted off the main course.

"If what you want to do is prevent further bank crises, then certainly the first line of attack is bank capital, liquidity and leverage."

Yesterday, Industry Minister Tony Clement agreed the bank tax is a distraction, but defended the government's efforts as leadership on a key economic issue, and said Canada and other anti-tax nations are under pressure to go along with Europe and the U.S. — where banks failed and had to be bailed out by government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Quebecers rejecting labels on sovereignty, poll suggests

**47%** Nearly half of respondents in an online survey wouldn't label themselves strictly as federalist or sovereigntist.

**POLL** Quebec politics may not be as black and white as it once seemed. In a new survey, 22 per cent of respondents said they were partly federalist and sovereigntist, and 25 per cent said they were neither.

"It's as if the Quebec population is slowly distancing itself from traditional political debates and is having trouble finding political projects that touch them," said pollster Alain Giguere.

The recent CROP poll, conducted for the Federal Idea, a federalist think-tank, had a sample size of 1,000 people. There was no margin of error because it was conducted on an opt-in basis over the Internet.

Nearly 60 per cent of respondents believed the sovereignty debate is settled, while 56 per cent said disputes between Quebec and Ottawa are rarely resolved to either party's satisfaction. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## News in brief

**NEW BRUNSWICK** An external audit of tests done by a radiologist in northwestern New Brunswick found problems with almost one-quarter of the more than 26,000 cases reviewed, health officials confirmed yesterday. Of the 26,829 examinations performed in Grand Falls and Saint-Quentin between 2006 and 2009, the review found significant problems with 1,529 cases and partial problems in 4,688. A health official admitted public confidence in the health-care system is always a concern, especially in the wake of such reviews. But he said it was done to ensure that all patients get the best care possible. THE CANADIAN PRESS


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**No charges in toddler's death**
Police in Hamilton say no charges were laid after a two-year-old girl died when her grandmother backed up a van over the toddler. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Five under suspicion

## RCMP investigating N.S. politicians' expense claims

**Canada's oldest provincial legislature was under a cloud of suspicion yesterday as RCMP confirmed they're investigating possible criminal wrongdoing by five Nova Scotia politicians, but exactly who they are is anyone's guess.**

Neither police nor the province's auditor general would reveal the names of the four former members and one sitting member being investigated for possible illegal expense claims.

Instead, a brief two-page document from auditor general Jacques Lapointe to house Speaker Charlie Parker states his investigation "on specific transactions by certain members" has been sent to the police.

At least one politician wasn't happy with the lack of disclosure.

"This certainly adds, quite frankly, to the suspicion of every member in this house," said Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil. "I would have preferred that the files that were being referred would have been put out there.

"Quite frankly, the auditor hasn't said what (current) member it is, so how would anyone know?"

Premier Darrell Dexter said said that as far as he knows, no member of his caucus was implicated by the auditor general.

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Nova Scotia auditor general Jacques Lapointe fields questions at a news conference yesterday after completeing his forensic investigation into the expense claims of members of the House of Assembly in Halifax. Lapointe has asked the RCMP to investigate four former and one current member of the legislature.

### Purchases

- An initial audit revealed questionable purchases by all three political parties through constituency expense accounts, including TVs, an espresso machine and custom-built furniture.

## Ottawa **Sable Island to be made a national park**

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Environment Minister Jim Prentice announces the federal government has started the process to designate Sable Island a national park yesterday in Ottawa. Sable Island is a crescent-shaped spit of land about 300 kilometres southeast of Nova Scotia that is fabled for its wild horses and sand dunes. Prentice said the designation, which will follow a round of public consultations, will give the ecologically sensitive island the highest level of protection under federal law.

## Anarchist group claims it firebombed bank

OTTAWA Anarchists who claim to have firebombed a bank in Ottawa are vowing to take their protests to the G8 and G20 summits in Ontario next month.

Ottawa police are investigating a fire at a Royal Bank branch in the downtown early yesterday.

The anarchists claim they set fire to a Royal branch because the bank was a sponsor of the Vancouver Olympics, which was held "on stolen indigenous land."

On the website ottawa.indymedia.org the group posted a short video of the bank on fire and goes on to claim that the bank and Canadian government are displacing the poor and aboriginals.

The group says it will be in Huntsville and Toronto during the summits in June, where "leaders and bankers are meeting ... to make decisions that will further their policies of exploitation of people and the environment."

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**Kelowna doctor finishes 4,500-km bike trip through Africa**
A Kelowna, B.C., doctor won't spend his twilight years sailing off into the sunset, but he has no problem cycling there. Thoracic surgeon Dr. Bill Nelems completed a 4,500-kilometre cycling trek through southern Africa, pedalling from Lilongwe, Malawi, to Capetown, South Africa, in 38 days. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Nature museum gets new lease on life

**The Canadian Museum of Nature stages a grand re-opening this week after a six-year, $216-million renovation that transformed the castle-like stone building from a damp and dingy relic into a state-of-the-art repository and showcase for the nation's natural wonders.**

While other national museums around the capital are struggling with budget cuts by the Conservative government, the nature museum and its vast collections have been given a new lease on life.

Exhibition space has expanded and new privately funded galleries will open, including a fossil gallery, a blue-water gallery, an Earth gallery and the "Animalium," a gallery of live creepy-crawlies like spiders, cockroaches and scorpions.

It also boasts the largest exhibition of stuffed Canadian birds anywhere, some close to 130 years old.

With significantly more of the museum's 10.6-million-piece collection on display, many exhibits — old and new — will take a new tack, incorporating environmental and other current issues.

Architecturally, the museum facade has been redesigned with a multi-storey glass "lantern" over the main entrance evoking the century-old building's original front tower — dismantled long ago — along with a new boutique and cafe and virtually all-new infrastructure.

Once dubbed Ottawa's "sinking castle" — it's settled more than a half-metre into the clay beneath it over the last 100 years — the Tudor-Gothic beaux-arts building has been reinforced with an earthquake-resistant steel "endoskeleton." Cracks have been repaired, windows replaced, new floors laid and old ones restored.

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## Provinces' rejection of pipeline report advice upsets green groups

**MACKENZIE VALLEY** Environmentalists are angry that Ottawa and the Northwest Territories have rejected almost all the advice in a long, expensive report on the proposed Mackenzie Valley natural gas pipeline.

The Sierra Club says the decision from the two governments to accept only 10 out of 176 recommendations is an insult to those who worked on the report.

"Years of research, public hearings, studies and community engagement are being thrown in the wind," Sheila Muxlow, director of the Sierra Club's Prairie chapter, said in a release yesterday.

The panel, which considered the environmental and social impacts of the proposed $16-billion pipeline, held hearings in tiny communities up and down the Mackenzie River Valley, as well as in cities including Yellowknife and Edmonton. It delivered its long-awaited report earlier this year. That report made 115 recommendations to Ottawa and the N.W.T., 28 of which have been rejected out-of-hand in their interim response, mostly because they concern matters that the governments say the panel was not asked to consider.

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## News in brief

**OIL** The head of NASA is trying to persuade the prime minister of Norway to order the country's state-owned energy giant to get out of Alberta's oilsands. James Hansen has written an open letter in a Norwegian newspaper asking the government to vote in favour of a motion at Statoil's annual general meeting yesterday to end the company's oilsands project. Hansen, known for his strong views on climate change, says a small, progressive nation like Norway may be more willing to lead by example than other countries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Kidnapped engineers freed in Yemen**
After several days of mediation, kidnappers have released two Chinese engineers working in Yemen, a provincial governor said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World

## Toyota reportedly pays maximum fine

**Toyota has reportedly paid a record $16.4-million US fine for its alleged slow response in the accelerator pedal recall case. The company agreed to the fine April 19 and had 30 days to pay it. A U.S. Transportation Department official, who asked not to be identified, says the Japanese automaker paid the fine yesterday. The fine is the maximum allowed under U.S. law.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# UN powers back new sanctions against Iran

**The United States introduced a resolution backed by all veto-wielding members of the UN Security Council yesterday that would impose new sanctions against Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard and seek to curtail military, financial and shipping activities linked to its suspect nuclear program.**

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice said the resolution would give "greater teeth" to existing sanctions and add "strong" new measures to intensify pressure on the Iranian government to resolve concerns that its nuclear program is peaceful and not aimed at producing nuclear weapons.

Russia and China, which have close ties to Iran, joined fellow permanent council members Britain, France and the U.S. as well as non-member Germany in supporting the sanctions proposal, ignoring a deal that Tehran agreed to a day earlier to try to stave off the penalties.

Clinton

Rice said the pursuit of new sanctions has nothing to do with a proposed swap of nuclear material for Tehran's research reactor that Iran agreed to Monday with Brazil and Turkey.

She said the proposed resolution is targeting the Islamic Republic's refusal to suspend its uranium enrichment program and its plans to build 10 new nuclear facilities.

The draft resolution would target a range of activities related to Iran's nuclear program including the Revolutionary Guard.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the agreement on a new resolution by the major powers was a rejection of Iran's efforts to forestall penalties.

"This announcement is as convincing an answer to the efforts undertaken by Tehran over the last few days as any we could provide," Clinton told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## France **Protest on track**

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Anesthesiologist students invade tracks during a demonstration yesterday at the Montparnasse train station in Paris. The protest seriously disrupted commuter rail traffic as the students demonstrated over low salaries.

## France denies swap with Iran after killer released

**PARIS** The killer of a former Iranian prime minister who opposed the country's clerical regime was released from a life sentence and sent home yesterday in what critics called an apparent trade for a young French academic just freed by Iran.

A French government spokesman said he had no knowledge that Ali Vakili Rad was being exchanged for Clotile Reiss, 24, who was arrested in Iran, accused of spying and sentenced to 10 years.

She returned to France Sunday after her sentence was commuted.

Vakili Rad was convicted in the 1991 assassination of Shahpour Bakhtiar, who served as prime minister under Iran's shah before the monarch was deposed in the 1979 revolution.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast welcomed his expected return, telling reporters that, "To see him in Iran after years, we are pleased."

Vakili Rad was convicted by a special French terrorism court of assassinating Bakhtiar and his aide Souroush Katibeh and sentenced to life with the possibility of seeking conditional freedom starting last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## **News** in brief

**AFRICA** The United Nations says a feared Ugandan rebel group has killed 36 people and driven 10,000 from their homes in Central African Republic in recent months. Congo, too, has suffered attacks, the world body's refugee agency says. In February, the Lord's Resistance Army killed as many as 100 people there.

**YEMEN** A security court has convicted six Somalis for piracy and sentenced them to death for seizing an oil tanker. Six other convicted pirates received 10-year prison sentences yesterday. Yemeni coast guard forces freed the oil tanker Qana in April last year shortly after it was attacked and hijacked by the pirates. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Man pleads not guilty to falsifying academic credentials

**MASSACHUSETTS** A Delaware man who attended Harvard University for two years before getting kicked out pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges he fabricated a perfect record of academic achievement to get into the Ivy League school.

Adam Wheeler was tossed from Harvard when he tried to get the school's endorsement for Rhodes and Fulbright scholarships last September, and a professor reviewing his applications found evidence he had plagiarized the work of another professor, prosecutors say. Wheeler's parents gave him up to a Yale official who called to ask about their son's transfer application.

At his arraignment yesterday, Wheeler was ordered held on $5,000 bail on 20 counts of larceny, identity fraud and other charges.

Wheeler

Wheeler, 23, claimed he got a perfect score on the SAT, straight A's at prestigious prep school Phillips Academy Andover and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on his application to Harvard in 2007, prosecutors said. In reality, he had never attended either school, Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone said. Prosecutor John Verner said in court that Wheeler essentially stole $45,000 in financial aid, scholarship money and academic awards from Harvard. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Gay couple convicted of indecency

**A judge convicted a gay couple yesterday of charges that could send them to jail for more than a decade following an engagement celebration, a ruling activists fear could send others into hiding and hamper the fight against AIDS.**

**12%**
Estimated percentage of Malawi's population — about one million people — who are living with HIV.

Malawi's government has been defiant in the face of international criticism over the couple's prosecution since they were arrested in December. Tiwonge Chimbalanga, a 20-year-old hotel janitor, and his unemployed partner Steven Monjeza, 26, were arrested the day after they celebrated their engagement with a party at the hotel where Chimbalanga worked — an apparent first in Malawi.

Undule Mwakasungula, a gay rights activist in Malawi, said the couple's decision to hold the engagement ceremony appears to have been personal, not political. Others have been prosecuted under the law but this case was different because the two men were open about their homosexuality, Mwakasungula said.

The couple were convicted of unnatural acts and gross indecency under laws dating from the colonial era. Blantyre Chief Resident Magistrate Nyakwawa Usiwa said the sentencing will take place tomorrow and they could be imprisoned for up to 14 years.

The verdict is "extremely disturbing," said Michaela Clayton of the Namibia-based AIDS & Rights Alliance for Southern Africa, saying it could encourage anti-gay sentiment in the region as well as set back the fight against AIDS.

Gay people forced underground in Africa are unlikely to seek counselling and treatment for AIDS, activists say. Homosexuality is illegal in at least 37 countries in Africa including Malawi.

In Uganda, lawmakers are considering a bill that could sentence homosexuals to life in prison and includes capital punishment for "repeat offenders." Even in South Africa, the only African country that recognizes gay rights, gangs have raped lesbians.

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## News in brief

**ARIZONA** U.S. Border Patrol statistics indicate that illegal crossings from Mexico into Arizona are rising as the state prepares to enact the nation's toughest immigration law. The Border Patrol says arrests there have increased six per cent so far this fiscal year.

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**3 accused of conspiring against U.S. government released until trial**

Three members of a Midwest militia who are accused of conspiring to overthrow the government have been released from jail until trial. David Stone Jr., Tina Stone and Jacob Ward were released to family members yesterday after appearing in U.S. District Court in Detroit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News in brief

**MIDDLE EAST** The Palestinians stepped up a campaign against Israeli settlement products yesterday, with hundreds of volunteers in white T-shirts distributing a brochure with brand names and photos of 500 goods they want West Bank consumers to shun. The campaign drew an angry response from the settlement movement, which demanded that Israel close its ports to Palestinian goods. Government officials have said the boycott is counterproductive at a time of renewed peace efforts, but have not threatened retaliation.

**GREECE** Police in Greece have seized a rare twin pair of 2,500-year-old marble statues and arrested two farmers who allegedly planned to sell them abroad, authorities said yesterday. Police said two Greeks aged 42 and 48 were arrested late Friday as they were loading the illegally excavated figures of young men into a truck. Authorities are seeking a third man suspected of belonging to a smuggling gang that planned to spirit the 6th-century BC works out of the country. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Thai troops crack down on 'D-Day'

**CONFLICT** Thai troops and armoured vehicles converged early today around the barricaded encampment of anti-government protesters in downtown Bangkok and opened fire in what appears to be a final crackdown to disperse them.

"This is D-Day," said one soldier when asked if this was the final push to clear the protest zone. The demonstrators have occupied much of central Bangkok since mid-April to demand the resignation of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, dissolution of parliament and immediate elections.

Associated Press reporters saw the troops firing automatic rifles from an overpass overlooking the encampment early today. Minutes later a massive cloud of black smoke rose from a building nearby.

Groups of soldiers fired from crouching positions on the tracks from the elevated tracks of a light rail system that runs over the encampment.

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**Anti-government protesters set tires on fire yesterday in Bangkok, Thailand. Thai soldiers made a push early today to clear the protest zone established by protesters in Bangkok.**

Today's troop movement came after Abhisit rejected protesters' unconditional offer to negotiate yesterday and insisted there would be no talks until the dwindling anti-government movement abandoned its encampment in Rajprasong, a ritzy area of central Bangkok. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Victims

- At least 39 people have been killed and more than 300 people wounded in seven days of clashes in Bangkok between the protesters and troops. All but one of those killed are civilians who were shot.

# U.S. tea party nets victory

## Conservative wins primary

**The conservative tea party movement scored a major political victory yesterday as its candidate won the Kentucky Senate primary — the latest sign of the anti-establishment anger jolting American politics.**

That anger was also felt in races in Pennsylvania and Arkansas, where incumbent Democratic senators faced challenges from within their party. As a further sign of unrest, Republicans were vying for a Pennsylvania congressional seat long held by Democrats.

The races were watched closely for clues to which party will control Congress after the November election. U.S. President Barack Obama's Democratic Party is expected to lose ground but hopes to keep enough seats to preserve its majority in both chambers of Congress.

In Kentucky, Rand Paul, the son of former presidential candidate Ron Paul, won easily. He had 59 per cent of the vote with returns counted from three-quarters of the precincts, compared with 35 per cent for Trey Grayson, a state official.

Paul was the favourite of the tea party movement, which believes government spending and influence should be curbed.

Most of yesterday's races were to select candidates for the November election. But in Pennsylvania a congressional vote will send the winner directly to Washington. It was a special election to fill the seat held by the late John Murtha.

Though a Republican victory would barely dent the Democrats' House majority, it could be ominous for Democrats ahead of the November vote, when all 435 House seats are on the ballot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Dangerous math**

The Secret Service questioned an Alabama teacher after officials say he used a hypothetical example of shooting at the president to teach geometry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Art **Can you spot the fake?**

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An Israeli curator adjusts the real self-portrait of Jozef Israel as the fake painting sits to its left inside the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The portrait of the glum, bespectacled man was about to go on auction in Amsterdam when someone at Sotheby's noticed a problem: Israel's national museum owned precisely the same painting and had been showing it for decades.

# Few remember the fallen

## Only 20 show up to honour Sri Lanka's civil war dead

**A year after the end of Sri Lanka's civil war, Hindu priests offered food, fruits and flowers to deities yesterday and prayed for the souls of thousands of minority Tamils killed in the violence.**

Many were expected to attend, but only 20 people showed up for the commemoration ceremony in the former Tamil Tiger rebel stronghold of Batticaloa, apparently fearing government reprisals.

On May 18, 2009, the government declared final victory in the 25-year civil war with the killing of Velupillai Prabhakaran, the feared leader of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, and the capture of the final stretch of rebel-controlled land.

The carnage of the last few months of the war between the rebels and government forces dominated by the Sinhalese majority killed thousands of Tamil civilians trapped in the war zone.

While the government prepared its own celebrations for later this week — including a fundraiser for disabled soldiers, memorials for war heroes and unveiling of a victory monument — Hindu priests and a few relatives of the Tamil victims gathered in Batticaloa to mourn their dead.

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**Terror suspect arrested in Sweden**

Sweden's security service yesterday arrested a man suspected of plotting a terrorist attack in Somalia, the latest in a string of Somali-linked terror cases in Scandinavia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Officials enlarge no-fish zone

**The sign outside the Pensacola marina says "We're Still Fishing," but that's not really true.**

The U.S. government announced yesterday it's nearly tripling the size of an area in the Gulf of Mexico that's closed to fishing because of a massive oil spill off the coast of Louisiana.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said it is closing nearly 112,000 square kilometres, or about 19 per cent of federal waters, beginning yesterday.

That's up from the seven per cent of the Gulf that's been closed since shortly after an offshore oil rig exploded April 20, killing 11 workers. Rig operator BP PLC estimates the well has leaked more than 19 million litres.

The expanded ban covers an area that starts near the Louisiana coast and moves southeast in a diagonal. From Mississippi to Pensacola, the ban starts about 50 kilometres offshore. It begins moving away from shore at the Florida-Alabama border.

At its eastern end south of Apalachicola, about the midpoint of the Florida Panhandle, the ban starts about 250 kilometres offshore.

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# Dutch boy orphaned in plane crash awaits surgery

**RECOVERY** The family of a nine-year-old Dutch boy who was the sole survivor of last week's plane crash in Libya says he is recovering well in a Dutch hospital.

Ruben van Assouw's parents and 11-year-old brother were among the 103 passengers and crew members killed last Wednesday when an Afriqiyah Airways plane slammed into the desert short of the runway at an airport in Libya's capital, Tripoli.

Ruben's family said in a statement yesterday that he will require another operation when he is strong enough to undergo surgery.

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## Call for Applications: Family Health Teams

The **Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care** is inviting applications from health care providers and/or community-based groups for the establishment of **Family Health Teams.**

Completed applications must be received by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2010.**

A comprehensive application package is available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's website at:

**www.health.gov.on.ca/familyhealth**

Family Health Teams are locally driven family health care delivery organizations which include family physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and a range of other interdisciplinary health care providers who are committed to working together collaboratively to provide comprehensive, accessible, coordinated family health care within their local community.

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**Family Health Team Wave 5**
**Primary Health Care Branch**
**Negotiations and Accountability Management Division**
**Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care**
**1075 Bay Street, 9th Floor, Toronto, ON M5S 2B1**

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## Call for Applications: Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics

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A comprehensive application package is available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's website at:

**www.health.gov.on.ca/transformation/np_clinics/np_mn.html**

Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics are a new primary health care delivery model in which nurse practitioners are the lead providers of primary health care. Through collaborative practice which includes registered nurses, registered practical nurses, consulting family physicians, and other health care professionals, nurse practitioners provide comprehensive, accessible, and coordinated family health care services to populations who do not have access to a primary care provider (i.e. unattached patients). Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics improve the quality of care through enhanced health promotion, disease prevention and chronic disease management, as well as improve care coordination and navigation of the health care system at a local level.

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## One backward leap for mankind

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Space. The final frontier. And this time we mean it.

The shuttle Atlantis is now orbiting Earth for the last time and, by year end, the entire program will be shut down.

If astronauts want to get to the International Space Station, they'll have to hitch a ride with the Russians, at least until private companies vying for the concession are ready to take off.

I can hardly wait for that: "Welcome to American Star Lines. We're sorry for the 36-hour delay, but we had some problems with the transporter beam. If you're one of those passengers whose luggage was inadvertently sent on to Alpha Centauri, please see our baggage personnel at the ISS. Meanwhile, sit back and enjoy the flight. There will be a $100 charge for oxygen. Please have the correct change ready."

The shutdown of the shuttle program is a big blow — even bigger is Barack Obama's decision not to pursue a U.S. moon landing program, one of the few really positive ideas George W. Bush ever had.

Obama is targeting a manned orbit of Mars by 2035, but that's 25 years away. As of right now, the U.S. space program is grounded.

For a generation raised on Star Trek, that's unacceptable. I know it's fashionable to disparage the space program, especially in a recession when we need money for the little things ... like food.

But as extreme ayatollahs in Iran build nuclear bombs and we sweat the hottest decade in history, is it such a good idea to shut off our escape route? And am I the only one who sleeps better at night knowing there's a little coed $100-billion seed pod of humanity orbiting the Earth ... just in case the ayatollahs finally do learn to lock and load?

As Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, said to U.S. Congress recently, Obama's act "destines our nation to become one of second- or even third-rate stature." Which puts the U.S. right in line with its happily second- or third-rate neighbour to the north. We've been punching below our weight for so long we can give our American cousins mediocrity lessons.

If we Canadians were men and women of vision and gumption we would pick up the space baton and head for the wide-open galaxies. Instead of just building the space arm gizmo on the mother ship, we could build the whole mother ship. First stop, the moon. Then? In the immortal words of Buzz Lightyear: Infinity and beyond!

Er, excuse me. Once in a while my inner 11-year-old takes over. It's a problem.

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**Word on the street: Karate Kid has been remade. What movie would you like to see get a modern update?**

**Shane Butterly**
Toronto

A: Good movies shouldn't be remade. If it's good, leave it alone. It should be left. These days, there's too many remakes being made.

**Daniella Olivito**
Toronto

A: Superman, because I just can't get enough of the Lois and Clark love story. And he can fly.

**Joseph Adriano Markovitch**
Toronto

A: I would remake My Sister's Keeper because it was so depressing. I'd shine some light on the good that can come from tragedy instead of making people want to slit their wrists when they left.

**Ashley Croft**
Dartmouth, N.S.

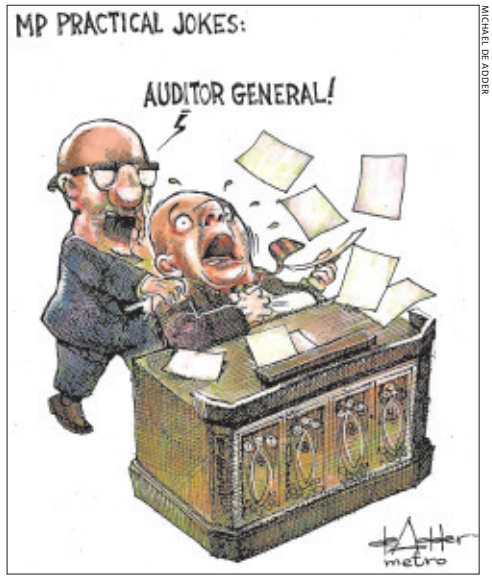
A: Ghost. I think it's a cute, sappy love story that could be redone with different people.

**Andrew Ellerman**
Vancouver

A: Ghostbusters. It would be fun to see new weapons. I loved Ghostbusters as a kid. I had T-shirts and everything.

**Cassandra Smith**
Edmonton

A: Maybe something like Flash Dance or even Dirty Dancing because I danced my whole life, and when I was a young girl those were some (things) that I was passionate about.

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**Canada's largest liquidator stanches losses**

Liquidation World Inc. tightened its losses to $2.9 million in the second quarter as Canada's largest liquidator of consumer merchandise moves ahead with a plan to rework its operations. The company said yesterday that losses were worth 18 cents per share for the 13 weeks ended April 4. That is ahead of a $7.9 million loss a year ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Wal-Mart Stores Inc. reported yesterday that its first quarter net income rose 10 per cent.

## Wal-Mart posts income gains

**RETAIL** Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s first-quarter net income rose 10 per cent as the world's largest retailer benefited from cost-cutting and robust growth in its international business. But Wal-Mart said a key measure of revenue dropped for the fourth consecutive quarter as it continued to see a decline in customer counts at its U.S. namesake stores.

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# Higher rates on the horizon

## Economists predict interest rates will steadily climb until year's end

**Canadians likely have only two weeks left to enjoy historically low interest rates.**

With global markets beginning to stabilize following the recent fears over a Greek debt default, economists say the pieces are falling into place for the Bank of Canada to move off its emergency 0.25 per cent rate on June 1.

Economists have already pencilled in a doubling of the policy rate in two weeks. But that is only a beginning say analysts who believe governor Mark Carney will keep on hiking rates through the rest of the year.

Even the TD Bank, which only a few months ago was advising Carney to wait until at least the third quarter of 2010, is now calling for an incremental hike beginning in June.

The reason, says the bank's director of forecasting Beata Caranci, is that the Canadian economic recovery is well ahead of schedule with what looks like two consecutive quarters of five per cent and beyond growth, a jobs recovery more robust than predicted with another 109,000 added in April, and inflation — the key indicator for the central bank — heading toward two per cent.

Mark Carney

"The bank is looking a year or year and a half out, and they are looking at an output gap that is not going to be there anymore, so they've got to start adjusting now to get the interest rate at what would be considered more neutral," she explained.

"And if they don't go now, it could mean we see bigger adjustments down the road," she added.

Higher rates are meant to slow down excessive borrowing and head off asset bubbles like an overheated housing market, which the central bank has already highlighted as a risk.

Cheap money is also seen as destabilizing in the long term, much as happened in the United States in the early part of the decade and eventually led to the most recent crisis.

Economists caution that the anticipated hikes by the central bank should not be seen as an attempt to slow down activity, but merely as moving to a more traditional posture. With inflation at near two per cent, the current 0.25 per cent level is actually a negative interest rate, they note.

The TD Bank and many others believe Canada's policy rate will hit 1.5 per cent by year's end, more in line with inflation.

Carney gave a strong hint last month that he was preparing to move, surprising observers by dropping his year-long conditional pledge not to hike rates until at least July.

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## Saudis keep workers working

**WORK** Saudi Arabia has approved more than $10.6 billion US in projects in the first four months of the year, the OPEC kingpin's foreign minister said yesterday. The approvals of some 652 projects valued at $10.67 billion underscores that the oil rich nation is continuing a policy of spending heavily on infrastructure projects to cushion its economy from the effects of the global economic crisis.

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*Shady dealings doom a string of China's new tycoons to lengthy prison stays*

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**SNC-Lavalin to build $625M acid plant in Jordan**
The European operations of SNC-Lavalin have been awarded a contract to build a $625-million US sulphuric-phosphoric acid complex in Jordan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Level the pension playing field: CFIB

**The federal government is too generous in subsidizing public service pensions and it's time to start levelling the playing field with the private sector, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business says.**

"The federal government uses taxpayer dollars to ever-so-generously outmatch its employees' pension contributions," the CFIB said yesterday in a submission to the federal government's consultations on the retirement income system.

"Hard-working lower- and middle-class Canadians in the small business sector should not be subsidizing the generous retirements of public servants, most of whom do not even contribute anywhere near an equal share of their own retirement packages," CFIB president Catherine Swift said in an accompanying news release.

**34%**

According to a new CFIB report, federal civil servants contribute only 34 per cent of the cost of their pensions compared with much higher levels in many provincial and private-sector plans.

One of the recommendations in the CFIB report is a gradual increase in the federal public sector pension contribution rate to 50 per cent for employees, "the ratio most commonly used at the provincial level."

"This would not only act as a fairness measure, but it would also make the federal public sector pension system much more financially viable in the long term," said the CFIB, which represents thousands of small- and medium-size businesses in Canada.

The CFIB report, called Securing The Future, highlights inequities the federation sees between public sector plans and those in the private sector and is based on the responses of 7,872 small- and medium-sized business owners.

According to the report, 79 per cent of the respondents indicated they did not currently offer a retirement savings plan, such as RRSPs or a Registered Pension Plan.

"The main reason for not offering a plan is that they are too expensive," it said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Apple iPhones still going strong

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In this June 2009 file photo, customers check out the new Apple iPhone 3G S at the Apple store in San Francisco. It's been three years, an eternity for gadgets, since Apple Inc. unveiled the iPhone, and by now other phones do some things better. Yet, Apple is selling more iPhones than ever.

## Business in brief

**AEROSPACE** The global aerospace and defence sector had its strongest merger and acquisitions activity in five quarters, says a PricewaterhouseCoopers report. There were 68 deals during the period, up from 63 in the year-ago period. The value of transactions exceeding $50 million increased 345 per cent to $5 billion during the first quarter from the previous year's $906 million total, according to the study released yesterday. Included in the quarter's total were two deals exceeding $1 billion.

**OIL AND GAS** ShawCor Ltd. has agreed to pay the equivalent of $38.4 million for a sizable minority stake in Socotherm SpA, a restructuring Italian supplier to the oil and gas industry, the Toronto-based company announced yesterday. ShawCor, which has more than 70 manufacturing and service locations around the world, supplies a variety of products and services to the petrochemical and industrial segments of the oil and gas industry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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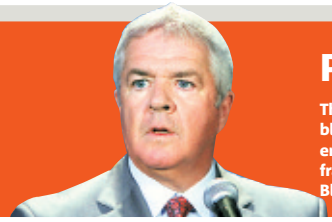
**LPGA coming back to Quebec**

The LPGA Tour is returning to the Montreal area. The 2011 CN Canadian Women's Open will be held at Hillsdale Golf and Country Club in Mirabel, Que., about 35 kilometres northwest of Montreal. The tournament will be held Aug. 22-28, 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Sports



## Panthers make Tallon GM

**The architect of the Chicago Blackhawks recent resurgence is bringing his blueprints to Florida. Dale Tallon, left, was introduced yesterday as the new general manager of the Florida Panthers, saying he wants to turn around the franchise by focusing the same principles that worked for the once-struggling Blackhawks, a team he was GM of until July 2009.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Sports in brief

**NBA** Former NBA player Manute Bol is hospitalized in the Washington, D.C., area with severe kidney trouble and a painful skin condition. Sudan Sunrise director Tom Prichard said the seven-foot-six Bol is in "critical care." He says Bol "had a total kidney failure" and has developed Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, which has caused Bol to lose patches of skin.

**INDY 500** Venezuela's E.J. Viso ended the fourth day of Indianapolis 500 practice with a hard crash coming out of the first turn. Viso spun as he went through the turn and slid up the track and hit the outside wall. He was taken off the track on a stretcher but there was no immediate update on his condition. Practice is scheduled to resume today, with qualifying scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Leighton has Habs' number

**(Flyers lead series 2-0)**

**Canadiens 0 Flyers 3**

**Michael Leighton made 30 saves to post his second straight shutout and Quebec natives Daniel Briere and Simon Gagne scored as the Philadelphia Flyers downed the Montreal Canadiens 3-0 in the NHL playoffs last night.**

Ville Leino also scored for the Flyers, who lead the best-of-seven Eastern Conference final 2-0, with the scene now switching to Montreal for Game 3 tomorrow night.

Leighton, who shut out Montreal 6-0 in the opener, is now 4-0 in career playoff starts and has stopped all 58 shots he has faced in the series.

Montreal outshot the Flyers 30-23 overall, and it was a second difficult game for goaltender Jaroslav Halak. The hero of Montreal's upset wins over Washington and Pittsburgh in the first two rounds struggled again after he was pulled for allowing four goals in 14 shots in Game 1.

Halak now has a 7-2-1 career record in games after he was pulled. He bounced back with strong performances in the first two rounds after being pulled but couldn't do it this time.

The Flyers, who came back to beat Boston with four consecutive wins, won a sixth straight playoff game for the first time since they did it in 1995 against Buffalo and the New York Rangers. Philadelphia is 16-0 all-time when going up 2-0 in a series.

The game opened exactly as it did in Game 1, with Montreal getting an early power play negated by a call against Scott Gomez and then Philadelphia scoring with its man advantage.

Last game, it was Braydon Coburn at 3:55 of the first period. This time, it was Briere roofing a shot from close range at 4:16 for his ninth of the post-season to give the Flyers the lead.

And like Game 1, Montreal dominated the shots —13-6 last time, 16-6 this time — but couldn't beat Leighton for a fourth straight period. The difference was that this time Montreal also dominated the play.

The Canadiens had the puck much of the second frame as well, but got few good chances and the Flyers extended their lead with their second power-play goal in as many chances. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Montreal Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak gives up a goal to Philadelphia Flyer Simon Gagne, not pictured, last night.

# Wizards get top draft pick, Raptors remain in 13th spot

**NBA DRAFT** With a lucky charm from the franchise's best era, the Washington Wizards won the NBA's draft lottery last night.

Washington moved up from the No. 5 spot to earn the top pick in next month's draft, when it will likely choose between Kentucky freshman John Wall and U.S. college national player of the year Evan Turner of Ohio State.

The Wizards were represented by Irene Pollin, who wore the 1978 Bullets championship ring of her late husband, longtime owner Abe Pollin. When the Wizards pulled off the surprising win, Irene Pollin's jaw dropped and appeared to mouth 'Oh my God!' with wide eyes.

The Toronto Raptors will pick 13th in the draft, moving neither up nor down in the lottery.

The lottery victory is one of the rare things that has gone right in a disastrous year for the Wizards, marred by the suspension of Gilbert Arenas for bringing guns into the Verizon Center locker-room. They finished 26-56 after being widely forecast to finish in the middle of the Eastern Conference.

The Philadelphia 76ers, another disappointment this season, moved up to grab the No. 2 pick. The New Jersey Nets continued the run of failure by teams with the best chance of winning, falling to third.

The NBA draft is June 24 in New York.

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### Will history repeat itself?

- The Washington Wizards will have to hope they do better than they did the last time they had the No. 1 pick. That was in 2001, when Hall of Famer and former Washington executive Michael Jordan selected Kwame Brown, considered one of the biggest busts ever at No. 1.

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**Ramirez defends his play**

Florida Marlins shortstop Hanley Ramirez is defending his play a day after he was pulled from a game for not hustling. Ramirez said yesterday he "wasn't trying to give up" on a ball he accidentally kicked about 100 feet toward the left-field corner in the second inning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Toronto bats overpower Twins

**MLB RESULTS**

**Twins 2 Blue Jays 11**

**Edwin Encarnacion, Vernon Wells, Aaron Hill and Lyle Overbay hit home runs and Shaun Marcum pitched seven strong innings as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Minnesota Twins 11-2 yesterday afternoon.**

The Blue Jays (24-17), who lead the major leagues with 65 homers, had 15 hits to earn a split in the two-game series with the Twins (24-15) and complete a 4-1 homestand.

Marcum (3-1) held the Twins to five hits and one run to win his second straight start and improve to 3-0 in his last four. Casey Janssen gave up an eighth-inning run before 27,981 fans, most of whom were schoolchildren, at the Rogers Centre.

Twins starter Carl Pavano (4-4) allowed six runs on 10 hits, including two homers, in four innings.

The Blue Jays scored twice in the first inning on a sacrifice fly by Wells and a double by struggling first baseman Overbay, who entered the game with a .181 batting average.

Encarnacion, who came off the disabled list for yesterday's game, hit his second home run of the season in the second inning. It scored Jose Bautista, who was at first after being hit by a pitch to lead off the inning.

Wells led off the third inning with his 11th homer of the season on the first pitch. It was No. 203 in his career to tie him with Joe Carter at second on the all-time franchise list. Carlos Delgado leads with 336.

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Toronto Blue Jays centre-fielder Vernon Wells, left, celebrates his solo home run against the Minnesota Twins with shortstop Alex Gonzalez yesterday at the Rogers Centre. The Jays won 11-2.

## Given chance to be full-time player, Bautista makes the most of it

**SLUGGER** Since making his major-league debut in 2004, Jose Bautista has yearned for a full-time role and an opportunity to show that he's more than just a utilityman.

He's getting that chance now with the Toronto Blue Jays and it's paying off in spades.

Bautista has been on a torrid pace this season and is near the top of several American League batting categories. He has 11 home runs and 31 RBIs after 40 games and is on track for a career season.

And here's a statistic that will surprise some people. Entering yesterday's games, Bautista led all major leaguers with 21 home runs dating back to Sept. 7 of last season.

Jose Bautista

"This guy's got unbelievable power," said hitting coach Dwayne Murphy.

"He hits the ball hard. He can hit the ball on a line probably harder than anyone on this team.

"When he squares up a ball, it's going out of the ballpark."

Bautista scored once and went 0-for-3 in yesterday's 11-2 rout of the Minnesota Twins. A day earlier, he was named American League player of the week after going 8-for-18 with eight runs and eight RBIs last week. He had four homers over the six-game stretch.

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## After collapse Bruins take solace in having Leafs' top pick

**NHL** It's still too painful for Bruins general manager Peter Chiarelli to look back at his team's epic collapse in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

He'd prefer to think about the NHL's June draft, when Boston has the No. 2 overall pick and a chance to select a scorer who can take the franchise into the future.

"That's a feel-good story," Chiarelli told reporters yesterday, "so maybe you guys can write that."

Less than a week after the biggest collapse in NHL playoff history, the Bruins emptied out their lockers and headed into the franchise's 38th straight summer without a Stanley Cup. Chiarelli promised changes, but he vowed not to overreact to the way things ended and instead consider the way the Bruins qualified for the playoffs on the final weekend, then advanced to the second round for the second straight year.

Peter Chiarelli

"I think you have to build on stuff like that," Chiarelli said, noting that only five teams have reached the conference semifinals in each of the last two years. "You look at deficiencies in our game and address them. But I don't just look at deficiencies in that series. I have to look at the whole team."

The Bruins' deficiencies didn't start hurting them until after they won the first three games of the best-of-seven series against Philadelphia. The Flyers came back to force a decisive seventh game and then rallied again — this time from a three-goal deficit — to advance to the Eastern Conference finals.

"I guess it really happened," forward Patrice Bergeron said, standing in front of his empty stall in the Bruins locker room. "It's a tough day, and you always want that day to never come. You always want to keep going."

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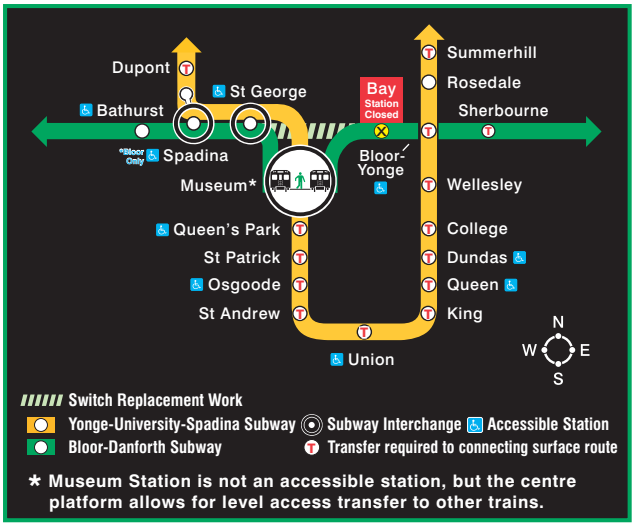


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**Pinkie injury lands Ethier on 15-day DL**

The Los Angeles Dodgers put star right-fielder Andre Ethier on the 15-day disabled list yesterday because of a broken right pinkie. The Dodgers made the move before their game against Houston, which happened to be Andre Either Bobblehead Night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Russian rematch on the way

## Loss to Czechs means Canada will face a team it embarrassed at the Olympics

**A third loss in four games means Canada will have to get to the semifinals the hard way at the IIHF World Hockey Championship. Through Russia.**

Leaving Mannheim after yesterday's chippy 3-2 loss to the Czech Republic, the Canadians will spend the rest of the tournament a couple hundred kilometres away in Cologne where the powerful Russians await tomorrow.

Russia is the country everybody was hoping to avoid in the quarter-finals at this championship. Canada finds itself in that unenviable position after losses to Switzerland, Sweden and the Czechs.

The Russians are riding a 24-game win streak at the world championship and are still smarting from an embarrassing 7-3 loss to Canada in the quarter-finals at the Vancouver Olympics. It's safe to assume there's probably some revenge on the minds of the 14 Russian players who are here from that team.

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Team Canada's Mark Giordano, left, falls after being pushed by Czech Republic's Lukas Kaspar in front of goalie Chris Mason during third-period action yesterday at the IIHF World Hockey Championship in Mannheim, Germany. Canada fell 3-2 to the Czechs.

The Canadians were seeing the glass half-full, however.

"Going into the quarter-finals, it's do or die regardless," said captain Ray Whitney. "It shouldn't matter who you're going to play. As we found out four of the last five games, anybody can give you a heck of a game any night. We realized we played better tonight — we're going to take that and we're going to leave everything else behind.

"Let's go to Cologne and get a fresh start. We're going to have to play a hell of a game on Thursday, but we're prepared to do that."

Added forward Steven Stamkos: "(We're feeling) disappointment obviously, but no panic. We're in the quarter-finals. We've just got to go the hard way."

**"We're going to have to play a hell of a game on Thursday, but we're prepared to do that."**
Team Canada captain Ray Whitney

There were some pluses to be taken away from the game against the Czechs. The team showed a lot more fight than it had in the 3-1 loss to Sweden Sunday and got a much better performance from goaltender Chris Mason, who made 33 saves.

Lukas Kaspar, Jaromir Jagr and Jakub Klepis scored for the Czech Republic (4-2), which avoided missing the quarter-finals for the first time in history. Whitney and Matt Duchene replied for Canada (3-3).

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## Canadiens a buzz word among U.S. web surfers

**HABS** Internet users in the U.S. were talking yesterday about topics like the Miss U.S.A. pageant, the new Robin Hood movie and the NBA playoffs.

And according to Google, they also really want to know about the Montreal Canadiens.

According to Google's daily list of web trends, news about the Montreal Canadiens is one the hottest topics on the web.

The word Canadiens was at one point atop Google's list of hot topics, which tracks the subjects with the most buzz in the news, on Twitter and other social networks.

It was later knocked down the list as searches for Oklahoma City, Big Ten, Miss USA and Kagan picked up.

Other hot topics yesterday included BP oil leak, Biden, BA strike, Robin Hood and Orlando Magic.

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# Workology

## Queen's big on best practices

**Queen's University is a founding member of a new international group of universities called the Matariki Network of Universities. The network has been established to enable the institutions to enhance diversity, share ideas, expertise, and international best practices. Some other member universities are Dartmouth College (U.S.), Durham University (England), University of Otago (New Zealand) and University of Tübingen (Germany).** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Cute, cuddly and at your service

## Working dogs and heroic cats can sometimes be the only thing able to save a life

Paws, Claws **and Jobs**

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**Many people think of their animals as furry kids that are good company and not much more, but some pets land life-saving jobs.**

Mary Siemiesz has seen a lot of amazing animals in her 14 years as honorary curator for the Purina Animal Hall of Fame. This year's service animal inductee was Bingo, a Jack Russell Terrier from Shilo, Man. Bingo is owned by Mandi and Dwayne Hein, whose eight-year-old son Cole has a condition that causes him to retch and often stop breathing. Before Bingo Mandi and Dwayne had to monitor their son constantly. When Dwayne, a member of the Canadian Forces, was dispatched to Afghanistan, it left Mandi as the lone protector — at least until the National Service Dogs organization hooked her up with Bingo.

Bingo was trained to start barking when Cole starts retching, so life-saving help can come quickly. Bingo is with Cole around the clock, taking a lot of worry off the shoulders of the Heins.

Whether it's an agile dog with a sharp sense of smell, or an acutely aware kitty, your pet could save your life or the life of someone you love.

"Mandi has been very grateful for Bingo," Siemiesz says. "We feel it's very important to showcase these stories and celebrate the roll pets play in our lives."

It's usually a dog who does the life saving, but this year's inductees included Gepetto, the Alberta cat who alerted his owners to a potentially deadly carbon monoxide leak.

"In many situations, the owners are actually surprised at the behaviour of the pet," she says. "It almost seems to be that they just know what to do."

Reba, Creig Veinot's Czechoslovakian Shepherd (as he describes her) works as a civilian member of an RCMP-run search-and-rescue team in Lunenburg, N.S.

"Everyone wants to know if there's any relation to Reba McIntyre, but she can't sing," Veinot jokes.

"We get a call from the RCMP with the location and a little description of what's taken place. We pick an area and go from there," he explains. "If we get into a place where the person has travelled, they track them by scent."

Veinot used to use bloodhounds, which have a sharper nose, but they are also slow and heavy creatures weighing in at 125 pounds and struggle with rough terrain. Reba is a lean, leaping 61 pounds. "When we come to a tree across the road, it's me I've got to worry about," he says.

Reba is also the family pet and the Veinots take her with them everywhere so they're ready to spring into action.

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One important social network is right in front of our face - the people in our organization. For example, the person to whom I report is often a gatekeeper to advancement. Here are two sets of questions to ask them.

**Here are two sets of questions to ask:**

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To some, these questions seem self-evident. We've even received feedback from those afraid to ask out of fear of being fired. Their hesitation is misguided. When people sincerely ask these questions, most managers, executives, or business owners respond with genuine excitement and enthusiasm. In one case, the person was promoted on the spot. What began as a brief 5-10 minute conversation, turned into an engaging and valuable dialogue.

The goal of asking these questions is to stay connected to the person and the organization's purpose, values, and strategic framework. Listen from the perspective of what it's like to be the other person, rather than trying to get them to see your point of view. They will be more interested in your ideas after they sense your genuine interest in them and their commitments.

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"It's for people we want to get in on the business but might not have the money to open a store," explains Doug Warren, director of franchising for Trade Secrets.

Without revealing the exact terms and conditions offered to people in the Manage to Own program, Warren says that "it's a very attractive deal that we offer."

The program works in a couple of different ways. Applicants can simply apply to the program, where they are trained and streamlined into a management position with a franchise. Their performance is monitored and when it appears the applicant is ready to move in to the franchise ownership role, the offer is made. The other way the program is instituted is when a current manager's skills and success are noted and the company itself makes the offer.

Warren says it works out for Trade Secrets and the manager because the company gets a franchisee who has proven themselves in the system, while the franchisee gets to own a franchise at an exclusive price. Furthermore, he says that many of the most successful franchises have owners that went through the program.

"The incentive is that if they perform, we give them good terms," he says. "It's attractive for a lot of people."

Think you might be ready to open a franchise, but you're not sure? Perhaps trying out a Manage to Own model is the answer you've been looking for.

## The choice
**Franchise or small busiess?**

If you've got the entrepreneurial edge, what's better: Franchise ownership or starting a business? There are obviously benefits to both and the route you choose will depend on your comfort level as a business person. Here are a couple of things to consider:

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**CAF report highlights best practices of high school to apprenticeship transition programs**

Last week, the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum released a report based on the CAF's High School to Apprenticeship Transition programs. Key findings include the need to communicate the benefits of participating in transition programs and getting buy-in from key players. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Profanity not enough for dismissal

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Canadian employers often assume that any misconduct is ample cause to fire their employees. They are generally mistaken. This is the story of one employer who learned this lesson the hard way.

Having worked for the same ownership at Regina-based Image 1 Hair Team for 22 years, hair stylist Lenna Bohay was shocked to learn that the Salon's owners had sold the Salon to another stylist, Kelly Brown. Bohay and Brown were no longer friends, and the sale meant that she would lose a number of health benefits she had been using.

**"Profanity and rudeness must be addressed by corrective discipline, which is a gradual series of warnings."**

Upset at the sale and distraught about her personal life, Bohay was overheard griping about the sale and Brown's ability to run the Salon. When Brown learned that Bohay was not taking the news well, she confronted her. The two met after work and Bohay denied mocking the sale, explaining that she was having family problems. In her explanation, Bohay used the "F-word" a number of times, even directing it towards her new boss. According to Brown, Bohay told her to "f--k off."

Believing that Bohay's profanity and attitude provided ample cause to dismiss her without warning, Brown immediately fired her. Bohay struck back with a wrongful dismissal lawsuit.

At a recent trial in Saskatchewan, Bohay's lawyer argued that Bohay's comments did not justify her dismissal since her outburst was isolated and she had not been previously warned. The judge agreed.

The Salon had an obligation to consider Bohay's situation, including her otherwise stellar employment record, her personal problems and testimony that her outburst was out of character. Further, for profanity to justify her dismissal, the court stated that Bohay had to be first warned. Instead, the Salon had acted too quickly in pulling the trigger on Bohay's termination and with it, had to pay damages to an ex-employee.

Failing to provide a warning before dismissing a long-term employee can carry an expensive price tag for Canadian employers. Courts will consider the nature and degree of misconduct to determine whether dismissal without pay is justified. Employers and employees should take note of the following advice:

- It is only the rarest misconduct, such as theft or dishonesty, that warrants dismissal without appropriate warnings;
- Profanity and rudeness must be addressed by corrective discipline, which is a gradual series of warnings; and
- Consider mitigating circumstances. Courts are more forgiving when misconduct is out of character.

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# Metro Drive

## Obama's ride sold

**A well-worn 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee recently went for $26,000 US at auction, some eight times the estimated value of similar vehicles, due to it being formerly owned by U.S. president Barack Obama.**
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The 2011 Buick Regal, below, promises to be a poster child for the re-invigorated GM; The 2011 Ford Fiesta, right, will hit dealerships amidst a lot of hype; Kia Sportage, bottom left, follows in the footsteps of Sorento.

The 2011 Volvo S60, above, brings forth the automaker's new design language; The much-anticipated Mazda2, top right, will be available in hatch-only form in Canada; The Nissan Juke, above right, is a crossover based on the same platform as Versa and Cube.

# Summer blockbusters

MICHAEL GOETZ
for Metro Canada

**The loudest setting on guitar amps is 10. The exceptions of course, are the amps of Spinal Tap's Nigel Tufnel. All his "go to 11." He knows 11 is special, magical even. How about for vehicles? Will model year 2011 be special?**

We'll soon find out, as many notable 2011 model year vehicles arrive at dealerships through the summer and early fall.

Following are some early 2011 models that we feel will make some serious noise (in a good way) with potential buyers. While there will be plenty of expensive, dream cars to heat up summer, we're keeping things under 50 grand, and keeping a particular eye on the brace of exciting new products which thrive in urban environments.

### FORD FIESTA

The new Fiesta has had a bit too much preamble, but the new "premium" subcompact does have a lot to offer. A new six-speed double-clutch automatic transmission is so efficient it nets better mileage (40 mpg) than the five-speed manual. Luxury options include leather, ambient lighting, and SYNC. The $12,999 base model is a four-door sedan. Five-door hatch models start at $16,799.

### MAZDA2

Unlike the rest of the world, we here in North American have been Mazda2-deprived. But all that changes this June when the subcompact arrives ready to flaunt its curvaceous lines and zoom-ability. In Canada, Mazda2 is only available as a five-door hatch, starting at $13,995.

### SCION TC

While Toyota's Scion division has been in the U.S. since 2002, the Canadian adventure begins this fall. One of the Scions that will be available from the "get go" will be the tC sport coupe, now featuring a 180-hp 2.5-litre engine, 18-inch wheels and fender flares.

**Hottest 2011 models under $50K**

The Scion tC Sport Coupe

### NISSAN JUKE

You'd think there couldn't any more crossover niches, but here is the Nissan Juke, based on the same platform as Versa and Cube, but definitely going its own way, with extroverted styling, a new 180-hp engine, and an AWD system programmed to make cornering a hoot.

### KIA SPORTAGE

Following on the heels of the 2011 Sorento crossover, is the slightly smaller Kia Sportage. Look for it on dealership lots by June, with a starting MRSP of $21,995. Sportage features the Kia-Huyndai 2.4-litre I4 engine and lots of kit, including Vehicle Stability Management (VSM), which actually nudges the steering wheel to keep you tracking on your intended path.

### BUICK REGAL

The midsize Buick Regal, starting at $31,990, could be the new poster child for the re-incarnated GM. It's closely based on Opel Insignia (2009 European Car of the Year), and features the new and nifty 2.4-litre direct-injection 182-hp I4. Regal's CLX Turbo model ($34,990) packs a 220-hp 2.0-litre I4.

### JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE

Jeep Grand Cherokee has always been able to straddle the line between comfortable people mover and competent rock climber, and the all-new 2011 version continues to work that dual theme. Based on the rear-drive, unibody platform of Mercedes-Benz ML, this new Jeep will also showcase Chrysler's new 3.6-litre V6. Pricing starts at $37,995.

### VOLVO S60

Interesting times for Volvo. China's Geely recently purchased the automaker and come September the all-new 2011 S60 arrives at dealerships to show off the brand's new design language. Prices start at $45,450.

### 11 more 2011's

- **Honda CR-Z:** small, hybrid, sporty
- **smart fortwo electric drive:** tiny, electric, different
- **Ford Mustang:** gutsy, with new V6 and V8 engines
- **Hyundai Sonata:** coupe-like styling in a sedan
- **Suzuki Kizashi:** new mid-sizer, hard to pronounce
- **Chevrolet Cruze:** much needed Cobalt replacement
- **Mitsubishi Outlander Sport:** new Lancer-based crossover
- **Subaru WRX:** wider, STI model fastest yet
- **VW Touareg:** Hybridized, lighter, sleeker
- **Audi Q7:** New eight-speed transmission
- **Toyota Avalon:** big, super quiet, less conservative

**New site for Audi Tradition**

Audi has launched a new website for its Audi Tradition (audi.com/history), providing insight into the history of Audi AG and its Audi, DKW, Horch, Wanderer, Auto Union and NSU brands. **CANADIANDRIVER.COM**

# Going down the road feeling appy

Rodney Dangerfield once had this to say about his dog: "He's so lazy, he don't chase cars. He just sits on the curb and takes down license plate numbers."

I don't think he was lazy. He was using his head — utilizing available information technology — just like many of us are doing now, by downloading all those new apps for i-Phones, and other smartphones.

By far, the most popular automotive-related apps, all concern navigation and/or finding stuff. Which doesn't surprise me, we're always lost somehow.

Consider **G-Park**, which will direct you back to your parked car.

In case you're wondering there is no G-Pants, which might direct you back to where you've forgotten your pants.

Other popular "finder" apps are **Trapster**, which helps you find speed traps, and the **Hortons Finder**, which helps you find, well, Tim Hortons coffee. As far as I know, the two are not related.

**Toronto Traffic** is an app that allows you quickly view all the city's traffic cameras, to help you plan your commute. It was so successful, you'll now also find Montreal Traffic, Vancouver Traffic, Calgary Traffic, and Quebec Traffic.

**TomTom** and **NAVIGON** are the biggest selling navigation apps on the i-Tunes app store, and unlike most apps, which are free or less than 10 bucks, these are on the pricey side, at $59.99 and $39.99, respectively.

Of course, the i-Phone can be a good navigator and friend to car lovers, because it contains both a GPS system and an accelerometer.

The latter measures forward and lateral G forces, so it's possible to measure acceleration, speed, distance travelled, engine power, etc. If you feel the need to do that, consider apps like **Dynolicious** or **GMeter**. Judging by some of the comments from users, they work well enough for enthusiasts, but probably wouldn't satisfy GM or NASA.

There are also a large number of apps that will help you track gas consumption, expenses, and maintenance requirements. Consider **Gas Cubby**, **Car Minder Plus**, or **Accufuel**. You can go as deep as your obsessive-compulsive heart desires, with exportable spread sheets, graphs, etc., or you can just set it to remind you to change the oil at least once during your lifetime.

There are also apps for vehicle shopping, like the **Car and Driver's Buyers Guide**, although be warned that all the ones I saw, feature only American information, so no Canadian models, pricing, or metric speak.

A few weeks ago, we talked about Canadian-based VehicleGateway.com, which is not technically an app, but a website designed for phone browsers, allowing you to search for used vehicles and access third-party vehicle history reports.

There are also obviously many entertainment apps out there with automotive themes. The game **Grand Theft Auto: Chinatown Wars** has been recently released. But the number one free i-Phone app right now is the **Volkswagen Touareg Challenge**, which is a blend of game, information package, and marketing message about the all-new 2011 Touareg.

I'll leave you to your own devices, to decide which automotive apps are for you. Apple, Blackberry, Nokia, Palm, etc., all have "app" stores, and there are many more that can be found by searching the web.

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## Behind a good app

- Mark Pavlidis, the software developer behind Montreal Traffic, Vancouver Traffic, etc., told us that the latest industry report pegs the number of phone apps currently available at 160,000 and counting. He also notes that the typical use case for any app is less than 30 seconds. "You basically fire it up, use it, and move on." As a developer he's keenly aware of how some apps are more "polished" than others. Look for apps that have obvious "touch points" on their pages, allow their pages to be flipped by finger swipes, and don't clutter up the phone's tiny display area with instructional text.

Because most apps are free or extremely cheap, most people try a bunch, before settling on the ones that work well and/or satisfy their particular needs and wants. So if you're not there yet, what's stopping you? Let's all get appy.

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# The shape of things to come in auto world

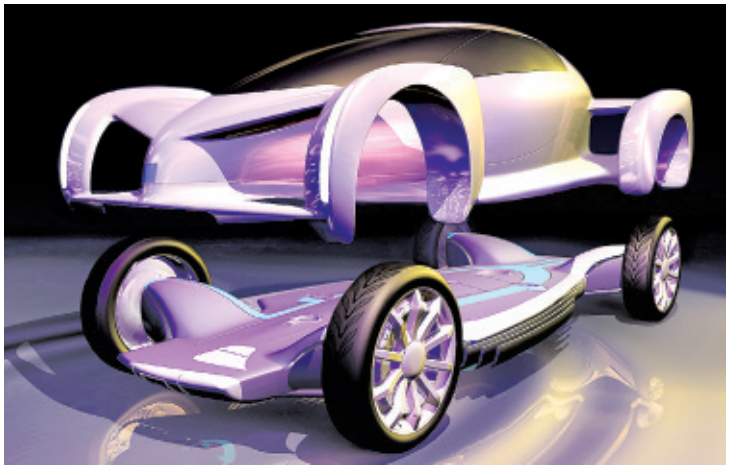
**RYAN BORROFF**
Metro World News

The car industry has always sought advanced materials that might affect car production. But cost and environmental pressures and the need to construct cars in fundamentally different new ways have made the search for new materials more urgent.

Research has led to a number of excellent concepts in recent years with huge potential to change the car industry for good. In 1998, Toyota took the lead in exploring the use of bioplastics — plastics than can be grown naturally rather than derived from oil — for cars.

Its 1/X plug-in hybrid concept had a body shell made from seaweed and weighed just 926 pounds. Since then bioplastics use has become controversial, but work into more advanced composites to allow greater freedom in car design and functionality continues.

In 2002, GM's AUTOnomy concept had an advanced fuel-cell "skateboard" chassis upon which a number of different upper body shells could, theoretically, be attached. The concept — which was genius in its simplicity — has influenced vehicle development since.



GM's AUTOnomy concept has been influential in the development of vehicles since 2002.

In 2008, BMW's GINA concept looked at the potential of advanced materials to change the way a car was constructed and how it behaved. BMW's designers explored possible alternatives to the traditional rigid metal body shell. Instead the GINA concept has a fabric "skin" that's pulled taut across a metal and carbon fibre wire frame, allowing its exterior to change shape.

One hot area of research is battery technologies for electric cars. Researchers from Imperial College London are working with Volvo to develop a new composite material made of carbon fibre and a polymer resin, which is strong and light enough to actually form parts of a car's body shell.

This means that parts of the actual vehicle body could one day double up as its battery, reducing weight and increasing interior space.

Imperial's eggheads are trying out by placing the new material in a car's boot floor. If it works, then future Volvos could draw power from batteries in their roof, bonnet or doors and have far better performance, range and very different looks.

## 3 Materially advanced car concepts

- **GM AUTOnomy:** It incorporated drive-by-wire technology, which meant steering, braking and acceleration were controlled electronically rather than mechanically. The chassis incorporated most of the essential running components meaning the upper body could be changed easily.
- **BMW's GINA:** It had a fabric "skin" so the actual exterior shape of the car – including the rear spoiler – could be changed "on the fly."
- **Toyota's 1/X:** This plug-in hybrid concept had a body shell made from kelp. Eco-friendly, a bioplastic made from seaweed requires less carbon dioxide and less energy to produce than conventional petroleum-based plastic.

Kia Forte

## Kia Forte gets Safety Pick award

**RATINGS** Following in the footsteps of the 2010 Soul urban passenger vehicle, the 2010 Kia Forte compact sedan has been recognized by the U.S. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) with a 2010 Top Safety Pick award in the Small Car category. The new Forte, which replaced Kia's popular Spectra model, received the organization's top honour by earning Good ratings in frontal, side, rear and rollover impact crash safety tests. Ratings from the Institute are based on results from frontal, side and rear impact crash tests, and for the first time a good performance in a roof strength test to measure protection in a rollover also was required to win.

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2010 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT shown.[5]

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**Saab alive and well in Canada**
Saab will go on sale in Canada for the 2011 model year, with some 20 dealers expressing interest in carrying the brand. General Motors sold the division to Spyker Cars in February 2010. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# At peace with Accord

## 2003-07 Honda models sought for their reliability

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

**Second Gear**

**MODEL:** 2003 to 2007 Honda Accord
**VEHICLE TYPE:** Sedan / Coupe
**APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE:** $8,000 to $25,000

**HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:** Few cars brought a reputation for reliability and peace of mind to the mainstream market quite like the Honda Accord. After numerous generations on sale, its knack for delivering safety, efficiency and sensibility have landed thousands of copies in driveways across the country.

The last-generation Accord was sold from 2003 to 2007 as a four-door sedan or two-door coupe. Standard power came from a 160-horsepower four-cylinder engine with a five-speed manual or an optional five-speed automatic gearbox. Optional was a 3.0 litre V6 that cranked out 240 horsepower. Output figures for both powerplants climbed slightly over the course of this generation.

The V6 could be mated to a six-speed manual in all coupes, and a six-cylinder, six-speed configuration was available on sedan models later in this generation's life as well.

Available features included heated leather seating, a sunroof, navigation, Bluetooth and automatic climate control, depending on the model selected.

**WHAT OWNERS LIKE:** Many folks who chose a last-generation Accord did so for its reputation and reliability. Most note no issues with performance or fuel economy — saying their rides are comfortable, easy to drive, and easy to see out of.

**WHAT OWNERS HATE:** Common owner-stated gripes of the last-generation Accord include awkward placement of the sunroof controls, high noise levels on some models, and hrd seats. Some owners also wish for better handling and a stiffer suspension.

**COMMON ISSUES:** First and foremost, the Accord engine range uses a timing belt which requires periodic and relatively pricey replacement. If the replacement is neglected and the belt snaps, it could destroy the engine instantly and without warning. Ensure your used Accord candidate isn't overdue for a timing belt change.

Numerous owners have reported failure of the LCD climate control display screen and stereo system. Both can be frustrating and expensive problems, and test-drivers are advised to ensure both are working properly.

Note the condition of the vehicles brakes, 'feeling' for any dull shuddering or vibration through the pedal which could indicate worn out brake components. Note that clicking or grinding sound as the vehicle is first started is likely an ABS system self-check and no cause for alarm.

Finally, this generation Accord suffered from a potentially problem-prone automatic transmission. Symptoms reported include sporadic shifting, failure to shift or 'slipping' before failure of the gearbox.

Some owners reported a high-pitched whining noise as a final warning before failure of an internal bearing assembly, which causes lock-up of the gearbox and tires, resulting in a loss of control.

This well-known and documented problem was eventually addressed and rectified by a recall, so be certain to ask the seller if this work has been performed. A Honda dealer can also check for the performance of recall work if provided with the vehicle's VIN number.

**THE VERDICT:** There are numerous more worrisome family sedans in the used market today. If your used Accord model checks out mechanically, don't hesitate to snatch one up if the price is right.

# Getting prepared for ATV bump and grind

Riding the trails on an all-terrain vehicle is a great way to spend a summer day. But plowing through some of Canada's bumpiest and messiest ATV trails can take a toll on the machine. Regular tune-ups and fixes can add up so it's crucial to take proper care of the four-wheeler.

A proper clean after each use will expand your machine's lifespan, so after each ride close off the exhaust and air box and clean the ATV.

Check the oil regularly — the oil level should never be above the maximum or below the minimum mark on the dipstick.

Fill up with oil when necessary. Always clean and lubricate the drive chain before each ride to save on repair costs down the line.

To prevent engine damage, make sure the foam air filter is clean and lubricated. A wide variety of performance parts, ATVs and other recreational equipment is available at www.giomotors.com and can be purchased through an easy online auction.

There are several maintenance and safety factors that you need to be aware before hitting ATV trails during this summer.

Another useful tip is learning how to read spark plug colours. This will tell whether the engine is working properly and help to catch problems before they cause serious damage to the engine.

Check the tire pressure regularly to ensure the ATV is driving and breaking in a straight line. Finally, use proper rust-proofing methods to keep the machine in great shape, as rust significantly reduces the ATV's structural strength.

Apart from maintenance issues, there are several safety factors that one needs to keep in mind.

An ATV can be a dangerous machine if not handled with appropriate cautionary measures. Always wear a properly fitted helmet that meets all safety requirements. Dress for the sport, the weather and the terrain.

A wide variety of safety gear, lifestyle recreational equipment and vehicles is available through an easy online auction at giomotors.com or at one of GIO's 145 dealers across the country.

Before each ride, check that all functions and features are in proper working order. Examine the engine, breaks, lights and tires regularly. Make sure the ATV fits the rider.

Don't let young children ride an ATV that is too large or too heavy as it may result in serious injury.

Local regulations and by-laws regarding ATV usage may vary, so get familiar with those pertaining to a specific destination.

Last but not least, never ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol. An ATV is a motor vehicle like any other and should be treated that way.

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### 5 top ATV trails in Canada

- **Elliot Lake, Ont.,** boasts the largest insured ATV trail network in Canada with more than 300 kilometres of trails.
- **Happy Island ATV Tours** ushers riders from North Sydney, N.S., and then to Newfoundland via the Joseph and Clara Smallwood ferry.
- **Whistler ATV** explores British Columbia's hidden lakes, waterfalls, mountains and deep forests.
- **Alberta Outdoor Adventures** carves through the Rocky Mountain wilderness.
- **Saguenay's Lac-Saint-Jean** area weaves through Quebec's Parc national de la Pointe-Taillon.

Mercedes-Benz's new autopilot system.

## Autopilot tech to push testing limits

**INNOVATION** Mercedes-Benz has introduced an automated driving system that can replicate safety-critical driving manoeuvres that cannot be precisely reproduced by human drivers are now being handled by autopilot on closed test tracks. Testing at the limit can now be carried out without danger and health risks to development engineers. "With future driver assistance systems, we will be able to address even more complex traffic situations and therefore to ease the dangers of further accident hot spots – like intersections," says Prof. Bharat Balasubramanian of Daimler AG.

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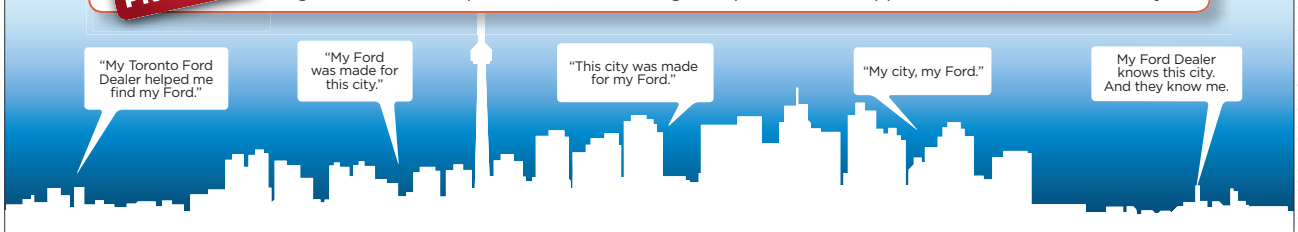


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**Genesis, E-Class get safety nods**

The Hyundai Genesis and Mercedes-Benz E-Class sedans have earned 2010 Top Safety Pick awards from the U.S. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). CANADIANDRIVER.COM

# Infiniti keeps eye on blind spot

## System prevents collision, brings car back in line

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

**The steering wheel is the most obvious method of changing a vehicle's direction, but brakes can do this too. Infiniti uses this to its advantage with its Blind Spot Intervention system, which not only determines that the driver may collide with another car, but helps to bring the vehicle back. The system is available on the all-new Infiniti M.**

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Driving Force

"A number of companies offer warning systems," says Ian Forsyth, director of corporate planning for Nissan Canada.

"We've added an intervention system which will correct your path and bring you back to try to keep you from whatever you're about to crash into."

The system, which works at speeds of 40 km/h and above, is integrated with a Blind Spot Warning system as part of an optional technology package. Sensors determine if a vehicle is alongside in the blind spot. If so, the system illuminates a warning light in the outside mirror.

"As long as you're in a straight line and you do nothing, it just illuminates," Forsyth says. "But if you start to move towards it, even if you put the turn signal on, once you reach a certain distance from the other car there is a chime that warns if you're getting close."

At this point, the car is still waiting for the driver to take evasive action. If he doesn't, the intervention system lightly applies the brakes on one side of the car. This causes it to curve slightly, helping to bring it back to the centre of the driving lane. A camera used for the car's lane departure warning system determines where it should be.

"It doesn't come on as a full brake," Forsyth says. "We're not trying to slow the car down, just to change its path. You can feel the brakes come on and feel the car start to move. The driver still has full control of the steering, and you can override it. If for whatever reason you want to continue in that direction, you can. The brake application is quite light; it just intends to make the vehicle move in that path." If the car does move erratically, such as on a slippery surface, the stability control system kicks in and immediately regains control.

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Nissan Canada's Ian Forsyth

"The idea is that it's there if you miss seeing something," Forsyth says. "It's very handy on dark and rainy nights, if there's a lot of construction and a lot to see. If you don't know there's a car beside you and if you start to move too close, it will move you back in, to align you properly and prevent a collision."

# Insurance for young drivers

If you are under 25 years of age and want the lowest auto insurance rates, start by building a good driving record, free of at-fault accidents and driving convictions.

This includes having good driving habits and obeying the rules of the road, such as wearing a seat belt and not using a cellphone or handheld device while driving.

Insurance companies also favour the completion of a recognized driver training course, and the experience acquired by being an occasional driver on the policy of a parent or guardian.

You can also save money by following these tips from the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO), the regulator of the auto insurance industry in Ontario:

- Ask about student discounts.
- Compare rates, either online or by making phone calls and getting recommendations. The rate you pay could vary significantly from company to company.
- Don't pay for coverage you don't need. For example, if your vehicle is worth less than $1,000, collision coverage may not be cost effective if your deductible is $1,000 or higher.
- Consider a higher deductible. This means you'll contribute more towards the loss if you have an auto accident, but it will give you a lower rate.
- Make payments on time. If you're late the consequences can include the cancellation of your policy, which can impact your ability to get insurance in the future.

There are plenty of ways to save money on auto insurance if you are under 25.

- Make a wise choice on the vehicle you drive. For example, if you buy a vehicle with a high theft rate, your insurance rates will be higher. Consider choosing a vehicle with good security features.

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**Cruze offers eco-friendly filter**

The 2011 Chevrolet Cruze will contain a cartridge-style oil filter that will be easier to recycle and service compared with conventional steel canister-style oil filters, General Motors has announced. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Acura TL SH-AWD formidable

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

**What's in a name? The Acura brand debuted in North America in 1986 as the "second channel" or luxury/performance brand from Honda.**

It was a masterstroke. Suddenly the little solid and stolid Civic that people had come to love as youngsters was offering Honda reliability with luxury to the same people who were starting to make their way in life.

It wasn't long before Toyota with Lexus and Nissan with Infiniti jumped in hoping to cash in on the success of Acura. With the Legend sedan and Integra sporty coupe, Acura hit the ground running and people were fighting to get their hands on an Acura.

And then something funny happened. Even though Acura had huge equity in the Legend and Integra, the Legend somehow became the larger 3.5RL and the Legend name was abandoned.

**2010 Acura TL SH-AWD**

**Type:** Mid-Size luxury sedan
**Price:** From $48, 490
**Engine:** 3.7-litre SOHC V6
**Fuel Economy:** Premium; 12.3/100 km city, 8.1/100 km highway

**Highlights**

- Spacious interior
- aggressive and responsive handling
- Good fuel economy

To fill the slot left by the Legend, there was briefly the Vigor but that was dropped as Acura went alphanumeric across the board with the 3.2 TL and (if memory serves) 2.7 TL.

Let's look as this week's tester the 2010 Acura TL SH-AWD (Super Handling All-Wheel-Drive) and that's a mouthful if there ever was one.

With a superb engine and incredible AWD system that rivals anything on the market today, I wish this sedan had a name that makes a statement.

The 2010 Acura TL with Super Handling All-Wheel-Drive combines Honda's legendary engine design with one of the most sophisticated drive trains in the mid-size segment.

The SH-AWD system on the 2010 Acura goes a generation or two beyond simple AWD as we know it.

It is one of the very few, Audi's quattro driver select being another, that makes it possible to take advantage of what is called "torque vectoring," a catchall phrase that barely describes how the system works.

The 3.7-litre unit in the TL is big for a V6 because the centrifugal force of the revolving mass of the internals has to be finely balanced.

Leading-edge engine mapping makes sure the right amount of fuel is available for reasonable gas mileage, in this case 12.3/8.1L/100 km city/highway with the standard five-speed automatic or 11.9/8.0L/100 km city/highway in the six-speed manual transmission option that is available for the first time on the TL.

Although it was available on other Acura models, the SH-AWD system in the TL is the most aggressive and responsive.

Considered a mid-size car, the TL as tested is bigger inside and out than some domestic full-size cars I can think of and it is also priced about the same as one or two I can think of.

While the name may have changed, the spirit and excellence that made Acura a synonym for quality is still very much in existence.

And with its combination of responsive engine and superior handling, the 2010 Acura TL with SH-AWD is a very formidable piece of performance sedan.

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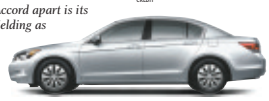

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**How to hack a car**

Researchers the Universities of California and Washington will present a paper at a security conference in Oakland, Calif., next week outlining how they were able to hack into vehicle computer systems. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Celeb chef fires up GTI

**"If money was no object, I would probably get an all-black El Camino."**
Chef Chuck Hughes

Chef Chuck Hughes — star of the Food Network's Chuck's Day Off — drives a 2008 Volkswagen GTI.

**NAME:** Chuck Hughes

**WHY'S HE FAMOUS:** The magnetic celebrity chef who is partner and executive chef at Montreal's Garde Manger as well as the star of the Food Network's Chuck's Day off — a behind-the-scenes look at his restaurant business. Hughes is currently partnering with Hellman's for their Real Food Movement campaign to connect Canadian families with fresh, healthy food. His recipes are at realfoodmovement.ca.

**WHAT HE DRIVES:** A black four-door 2008 Volkswagen GTI.

**WHY THE GTI:** There's something about it, it's like a mini Porsche. Just the feel and the drive, it's really a car for people who love to drive. It's got pep and spunk and it's really an experience to be in. I don't take driving for granted anymore. It's way more than just getting from point A to point B.

**THE CAR'S BEEST FEATURE:** Its horsepower, although I'm not sure I should be talking about that (laughs). I've got a little bit more horsepower and I'm not sure how legal that is. I also love the integrated Bluetooth. It's a fun, sporty car, but still offers a lot of space. I can put in my skis, my hockey equipment and other stuff no problem.

**WHAT KIND OF DRIVER ARE YOU?** I've got the highway driving, which is like "how fast can I go without getting caught?" It's like a video game pretty much for me. I'm really concentrated because I want to get there first. I'm still cautious though. But when I'm driving downtown, I'm more laidback. Most of the summer, downtown, I drive my Honda Ruckus scooter around though. So those are the two facets to my driving.

**DREAM CAR:** If money was no object, I would probably get an all-black El Camino with like 22-inch old school Daytona rims that was worth more than a house just to drive around for fun. You know, the thing is, when you're thinking about your life and thinking about it in terms of the rat race, I would want a Porsche — a Carrera or 911. It's still my ultimate dream. One day. You never know.

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**Land Rover unveils 2WD option**
Land Rover has announced that it will introduce a two-wheel drive option for its new compact Range Rover, in addition to a four-wheel drive version, and will have a hybrid version ready for 2012. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

## VW invites experts to app the ride

**CONTEST** Volkswagen is taking cues from the ever-growing smartphone industry. The German automaker is inviting designers, programmers, developers and interested users to help develop applications for its infotainment systems through a contest called "App My Ride".

In the competition, users can jointly develop new infotainment applications with Volkswagen. A jury of experts will select the winner whose creativity will be rewarded with special prizes.

"Our aim is to invite the international developer community to take part in designing a future system," says Prof. Dr Jürgen Leohold, head of the Volkswagen Group Research.

To develop an app, the participants must have the following: an idea for an app to be installed in a vehicle; graphic design of the user interface; and programming in Adobe Flash / Flex.

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# Motorcycle upkeep a must

**Harley or Honda, Road Racing or Motocross, one thing's certain: If you're a motorcycle enthusiast, you're passionate about your bike and you know motorcycle maintenance is essential.**

There are dozens of motorcycle parts that should be checked on a regular basis, but according to David Buckshaw, technical trainer for Honeywell CPG and an avid motorcycle rider, here are some of the basics.

**TIRES:** Riders should get into the habit of checking their tire pressure and tire tread on a regular basis. For pressure, tires should be as close as possible to the recommended PSI level in the bike's owner's manual. When tires aren't properly inflated, not only do they wear more quickly, but handling and ride quality are diminished too.

Tread can be checked by a basic penny test. Simply put a penny into the tire groove, where the tread appears the lowest, with Queen Elizabeth II's crown facing down. "If the top of Queen Elizabeth the II's crown is visible, then it's probably time to replace your tire," recommends Buckshaw.

**SPARK PLUGS:** Spark plugs are constantly exposed to high pressure and extreme temperatures, so it's no surprise that they need be checked every 4,800-8,000 kilometres. Checking them doesn't always mean replacing them; sometimes they just need to be wiped down. In today's market, there are specific plugs that are meant to improve a bike's performance. You can find a quick lesson in changing them online at youtube.com/autolite-sparkplugs.

**"Occasionally, coolant levels appear to be OK, but if the coolant hasn't been changed in over two years it can get contaminated."**
Honeywell CPG's David Buckshaw

**ANTIFREEZE/COOLANT:** A simple maintenance step, but one that is often forgotten, is replacing your motorcycle's coolant. If coolant levels run too low you run the risk of either overheating or freezing your engine. Be sure to use a formula designed for motorcycles. "Occasionally, coolant levels appear to be OK, but if the coolant hasn't been changed in over two years it can get contaminated and become less effective," said Buckshaw.

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**Parking meter turns 75**

The parking meter turned 75 last Thursday. On May 13 1935, Carl C. Magee filed a patent for what is the world's first parking meter. The first meter was installed on July 16 of that same year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# A8 looks ahead

The 2011 Audi A8 breaks new ground in terms of road holding, safety and technology with great style and obsessive attention to detail.

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

**2011 Audi A8**

**Type:** Premium luxury sedan
**Price:** Not available
**Engine:** 4.2-litre DOHC V8
**Fuel Economy:** 13.3/7.2/9.5L/100 km city/highway/combined

Highlights

- Multi Media Interface
- Improved quattro drive
- Visually exciting interior

**Driving the 2011 Audi A8 is like being in James Bond's next car.**

For instance, it has night driving thermal imaging, giving a picture of the road out beyond the reach of the headlights.

These aren't new but, in the A8, it "sees" a person or animal on the side of the road and frames them in yellow. If they move onto the road, they are framed in red. If the system "sees" this as a danger, an alarm also goes off.

And then there is the new touch screen Multi Media Interface, or MMI Touch that can store audio tracks and telephone data on its sizeable hard disk.

Here's the cool part. To enter a destination or phone number, the driver can draw the required letters or numbers with their index finger on the touch screen.

The press launch for the new A8 took place in Malaga in the south of Spain. Instead of sun-drenched roads lined with orange trees, it was drenched with a week of unstopped rain that washed out parts of roads and created gargantuan potholes.

Dream Car

Better than just giving a two dimensional indication of where the next turn is, the MMI shows the road ahead from a 3-D bird's eye view that followed the contours of the road. Up in the hills behind Malaga, you could see the road go up and over the crest ahead and reappear in the valley below.

But perhaps the most interesting thing is how Audi has taken its fabled quattro drive and gone a giant leap forward in ride and handling with a technology it calls driver select.

Audi drive select enables the driver to fine-tune throttle response, steering assistance and transmission shift points along with adaptive four-mode air springs to suit personal preferences or prevailing road conditions.

The interior says everything about how Audi wants to be perceived — a maker of the best in every sense.

I've written before about Audi's obsession with "surfaces" meaning they want everything a person sees and touches to be visually and sensually exciting.

You see this on the double French stitching on the leather trim and seats or the very fine grain ash wood inserts making it just a lovely place to be for a drive for a bag of milk or across the country.

Audi has not announced prices but I expect it will be about the same as the current model, roughly $100,000.

Audi's motto is Vorsprung durch Technik which means advancement through technology.

With the new A8 it is an advancement indeed.


# Loyalty Can Be Costly

## Shopping Around Still The Key To Saving On Car Insurance

**How Much Is Your Loyalty Discount Really Worth?**

If you're like most consumers, you worry that switching insurance companies means losing your "loyalty discount". The truth is that switching insurance companies may cause you to lose your loyalty discount (*if you had one in the first place*), but that doesn't necessarily mean you'll pay more for car insurance or that you can't save a bundle in the end. The fact is, some insurance companies may provide a small discount on your premium if you've been with them for a long time – but that small discount can quickly become irrelevant if another company has a rate for you that is significantly less than what you're currently paying. After all, what good is 5% off of an annual rate of $1,500 (a $75 savings) if you could pay $1,100 (a $400 savings) with another company?

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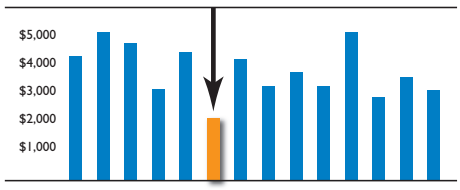


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**Spyker joins Forza game**
Spyker and Xbox are injecting the passion and thrill of Le Mans into Xbox 360's most successful racing game, Forza Motorsport 3. The Spyker C8 Laviolette LM85 is available as the gift car of the Exotic Car Pack for the new game. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Many options for breaking in cars

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

**Ever ask anybody for advice on breaking in a new baseball glove? If so, you probably encountered varying theories and a variety of wildly different answers. Some folks recommend a complicated, lengthy and intricate break in procedure, while others suggest simply starting to play ball.**

It's much the same story surrounding break in of a new vehicle engine. Ask your average driver, and the theories and answers will vary wildly. Of course, proper procedures are outlined in the owner's manual. They vary from carmaker to carmaker, but in general, the logic is generally the same.

Your average affordable sedan probably has a break-in recommendation similar to that of a Chevrolet sedan. GM engineers say there's no elaborate procedure to follow– but that the vehicle will perform better if drivers follow some simple rules for the first 805 kilometres. These include not travelling at constant speeds, now downshifting, and not making full-throttle starts.

All of the above help ensure uniform wear occurs between components within the engine. Said components work in contact with one another under tight tolerances — so the surface formed between them during break in is very important.

For instance, the surface between the metal piston rings and cylinder wall is hugely important for engine compression, which affects performance and fuel mileage. Creating a uniform wear surface between these two parts is as easy as getting the piston rings to move and shift slightly.

This is encouraged by changing engine speed and loads, which is exactly why many break in procedures recommend against using cruise control or a constant engine speed for any length of time.

In the case of GM, engineers have determined that the initial high rate of initial engine wear is completed by 805 kilometres in a standard engine.

There are hundreds of cars with different break in procedures, though the logic is largely the same. It's all about ensuring a good wear surface between metal parts to maximize engine life and efficiency.

**"There are hundreds of cars with different break in procedures."**

Sylvain Gilbert, Mercedes-Benz's manager of technical service, literature and ISO, explains what physically goes on inside an engine during break in.

"Modern manufacturing technologies can precisely cut, polish and hone materials at exact dimensions, with tight tolerances. However, at a microscopic level, metal surfaces that appear perfectly smooth can actually still be rough. During break-in, the peaks of the microscopically rough metal surface get shaved off or flushed away, so the surfaces smooth out and glide with less resistance".

Not sure the proper break-in procedure for your vehicle? Like so many other questions relating to your new ride, the answer is in your owner's manual.

The best way to break in a new engine is to follow the instructions in your owner's manual.

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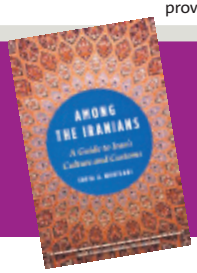


## Among the Iranians

**In Among the Iranians, Greek-born author Sofia A. Koutlaki shares the lessons she's learned firsthand as a foreigner living in Tehran. Koutlaki presents a side of Iran that foreigners rarely see in a practical guide, offering insight about Iranian dress, etiquette and even food.**

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# Soak in Cannes star power

## With yachts parked in the harbour, the south of France shines

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

**As the May sunshine sizzles the south of France, the eyes of the celebrity-watching world turn to Cannes. Metro guides you down the red carpet.**

### ROCKING RIVIERA

Not only is the seaside town of Cannes a culture clash between über laid back cool and hyper cosmopolitan chic, it's also home to one of Europe's most famous film festivals.

Every May, the sleepy town comes out of its winter hibernation to become the most stylish and extravagant spot on the Med.

Along beaches of glittering white sand the celebrities come out to play — a holiday in Cannes will genuinely leave you staring at the stars.

### WAKE UP IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Perched on the cliff sides of Cap d'Antibes, is the sumptuous Eden Roc (hotel-du-cap-eden-roc.com).

It's one of the finest hotels on the planet, all private piers and paparazzi-proof terraces, and the venue for the most extravagant post-award parties. By day guests (A-listers like Mick Jagger, Jude Law and Madonna) can be found poolside.

### STAR-SPOTTING...

Join the crowd of camera-wielding star-gazers at the legendary Palais des Festival which, by night, makes a Cinderella-like transformation as celebrities sashay down one of the world's most glamorous red carpets — the Montée des Marches.

Cross over to Square Mérimééé and the Caffé Roma, a relaxed brasserie where you can people watch over a cup of espresso.

On the Rue d'Antibes is where you will get the best shopping in town.

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Every May, as the Cannes Film Festival returns, the city comes to life.

### SUN ON THE BEACH

The opulent Carlton Hotel, whose terraces overlooking the yacht-studded sea are a favorite among festival celebrities.

This sun-kissed stretch of shore is a perfect spot for tanning.

Open from April to October, the Carlton Beach Restaurant serves Provencal dishes, best enjoyed with a glass of local rosé wine.

Follow this with a paddle on a pédalo, the perfect way to soak up yet more Mediterranean sunshine.

### MOVIES, MILLS AND MICHELIN STARS

If you've had enough of in-your-face wealth then Mougins, a hilltop village a few km inland from Cannes is for you.

Where Cannes is all about displays of wealth, glamour and youth, Mougins is quaint, bohemian and peaceful.

A favorite retreat for many artists including Picasso, Mougins is also a mine of antique stores, art galleries and Michelin-starred restaurants.

After a short walk hrough the narrow alleyways, head over to the Moulin de Mougins (moulindemougins.com).

This 16th century mill is now where head chef Sébastien Chambru serves food worthy of two Michelin stars. Stick to an aperitif of champagne and nibbles or indulge in the entire dining experience. Start with the pan-fried foie gras followed by an anchovy and ratatouille tartlet and end on a high as you bite into soft chocolate and caramel fingers sprinkled with salted peanuts.

Escape the hustle of Cannes and relax in Mougins.

**Stars, sun and sand**

### More info

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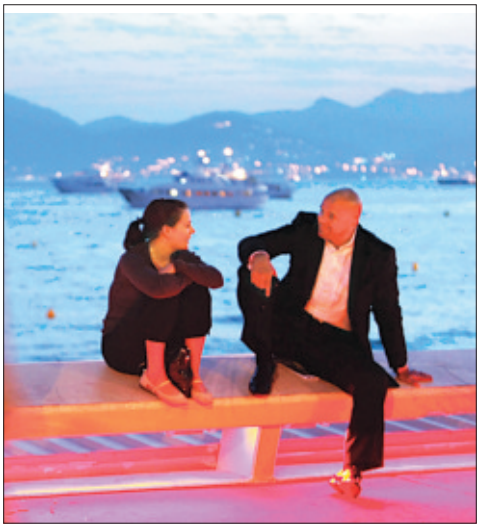

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The Ria Formosa has over 60 km of protected coastline. It is best explored by a boat tour as you wind in and out of the many inlets.

# 5 natural Porto wonders

## Explore the best that Portuguese outdoors has to offer

CÉLIA PEDROSO
Metro World News

Porto Covo offers many rocky coves and high cliffs — perfect for escaping the world.

Stroll through the Laurissilva forest and forget your troubles.

**Portugal is a country with romance written into its DNA.**

Metro found five of the best outdoor destinations this country has to offer.

### 1 DOURO INTERNATIONAL

When the River Douro crosses the beautiful region of Trás-os-Montes in Northeast Portugal it becomes the Douro International. This is a truly remote and unspoiled area. Villages still have community traditions, the huge 74.230 hectare National Park offers peace and freedom.

Stay: Casa de Caçarelhos, a rural house in the village of Caçarelhos, or Pousada de Bragança (pousadas.pt)

### 2 ÓBIDOS

Beautifully preserved traditional village in the west region, 80 kms North of Lisbon and a favorite destination for romantic escapes. The medieval walls hide a maze of cobbled streets and colorful houses, decorated with flowers.

Stay: Pousada de Óbidos for an inside look at the castle. (pousadas.pt)

### 3 PORTO COVO AND SOUTHWEST

Tiny fishing village in Alentejo is a popular holiday destination with beaches, rocky coves, high cliffs and bays. A bit crowded in July and August so head for Samoqueira or Praia Grande. Goose barnacles are a delicacy.

Stay: A rural house is the best base to explore the region. (herdadedamatinha.com)

### 4 RIA FORMOSA

On the East side of the Algarve, this protected area covers 18,400 hectares, with 60 km of coastline. The wetlands are populated by flamingos and herons, and a boat trip through the network of islands, canals and marshes is a must for families. Stay: Hotel Quinta do Lago (hotelquintadolago.com)

### 5 MADEIRA

Madeira island offers both sea and mountain activities which provide one the best anti-stress holidays especially walking the levadas trails. One of the most famous levada is Caldeirão Verde, through the indigenous Laurissilva forest.

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# Cruise up California's coast on Route 1

## Amazing ocean views, fascinating landmarks await on a truly thrilling drive

VINCENT FORTIER
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**If you happen to be driving a 18 wheeler and hauling 50 tons of sheet steel, then the best way from San Francisco to Los Angeles is a six hour drive on Highway 5.**

However, with this one exception, everyone else should take the scenic route — the Pacific Coast Highway for what will be one of the most thrilling driving experiences of your life.

This legendary road is strewn with breathtaking sights and fascinating landmarks.

Here's where to stop and what to see.

Leaving beautiful San Francisco is not easy, but leaving it via Route 1 softens the blow. Begin your trip on Great Highway, in front of the Golden Gate Park. You'll travel along Ocean Beach until you get to Route 1 at which point the show, to coin a phrase, is on the road. The road zigzags through the hills just meters away from the Pacific… all the way down to L.A.

First stop should be Santa Cruz. You'll find great cafés for lunch and while you're there walk Pacific Avenue before hitting the road again. If you have a little more time to spare, make a stop in Monterrey where you'll find the beautiful Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach and the historic waterfront made famous in Steinbeck's Cannery Row.

Next stop is the 145 km coast of Big Sur. This may be the highlight of the trip unless you suffer from vertigo. The cliffs are very steep and fall away sharply to the ocean and sometimes the rail disappears. But the views are nothing short of amazing and the colour of the ocean is as good as it gets. Don't forget to photograph the spectacular Bixby Creek Bridge.

Not far from San Simeon, you should spot the sea elephants from Piedras Blancas. This is the biggest rookery on the west coast and it's hard not to be impressed. Hundreds of these huge beasts are just lying around in the sun. And, the "vista point," next to the road, places you just meters away from them.

The next city, San Luis Obispo, is a great place to stay for a night. Downtown is calm and cool. You'll find cheap motels as well as classier hotels and, of course, the height of kitsch that is the flamboyant Madonna Inn. It may be a little expensive to stay in one of the 109 themed-rooms, but it's a nice place to have breakfast before hitting the road and it's a great photo spot.

Before arriving in Los Angeles, there is one other big stop: Santa Barbara, where you'll feel like you're in a soap. After that, you'll feel you're approaching L.A. by passing by Malibu (Baywatch alert) and Santa Monica, the coolest city in the area. Stop for a well deserved rest at Santa Monica's beach or go the whole hog and join the artists/crazies at Venice beach — you'll feel you've really arrived in L.A.

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Steep cliffs and tight turns await on Route 1.

### Need to know

- If you drive without stopping, Route 1 between S.F. and L.A. takes about 10 hours.
- There are many places to stop for restaurants and hotels. Santa Cruz, Monterrey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara are the best spots, directly on the route.

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# Slip into Saigon's soul

## How to do Vietnam's largest city on a budget

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

**Vietnam's largest city is a dizzying experience. From the screeching of motorbikes, magnificent street food rich cultural heritage, Ho Chi Minh, formerly Saigon, is a sparkling gem.**

Here's how you can do it on a budget.

**DAILY BUDGET**

**$50**

**EAT**

Quan an Ngon

Gathered around individual cooking stations, top street chefs each sell their specialty. Sample a variety or be faithful to one. The noodle soups are divine.

**STAY**

Thuan Thien Hotel

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**GO**

Binh Tay Market

Try a café sua da (iced coffee topped with condensed milk) from Café Terrace then head to the market and rummage through anything from candied fruit, to duck eggs to flip-flops.

**DAILY BUDGET**

**$100**

**EAT**

The Temple Club

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(triciaandverona.com)

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Feel the vibes as you stroll through Binh Tay Market.

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Condura Tarp-Poncho

**Sea To Summit Siliconized Cordura Tarp-Poncho**

seatosummit.com

Slightly weird-looking but dead handy all-in-one raincoat/tarp/pack cover/groundsheet. Seriously.

It's made from super lightweight and waterproof Ultra-Sil fabric — which is obviously impervious to water — and the seams are securely taped to prevent seepage and it does seem to be made to a very high standard.

It will usually be used as a rain poncho with an ergonomic three-panel hood with generous brim to keep the rain off your face (and your glasses), and it's comfortably big enough to cover all but the most ridiculously huge packs.

But it can also be used as a groundsheet and, the makers claim, as an emergency shelter in its own right. The bottom corners feature guy rope attachment points but just how you would use it require some creative thinking.

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**Big raise for Sheen**
Charlie Sheen will not only be staying on for two more seasons of Two and a Half Men, the actor is getting a huge pay raise to the tune of nearly $2 million US per episode, according to reports. **POPEATER.COM**

# Entertainment

**Much Moore**
Demi Moore is writing her autobiography. The 47-year-old actress is meeting with publishers in New York to sell the rights, her agent Luke Janklow has confirmed.
**FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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# Mock action hero

## Big screen spinoff of SNL's MacGruber hijacks the genre

**PHIL BROWN**
for Metro Canada

**It's been 10 years since the last time a character from Saturday Night Live got a feature length spinoff (that would be the underwhelming The Ladies Man for those keeping score at home), but this week a new entry in the comedy subgenre of SNL movies hits the big screen.**

MacGruber started as a brief parody of the '80s DIY crimefighter MacGyver. The sketches were simple: MacGruber struggled to create a homemade bomb-defusing device while bickering with his scene partners before being blown up in a stock footage explosion.

These 90-second sketches struck a chord with audiences, peaking with a Super Bowl commercial featuring MacGyver himself, Richard Dean Anderson. It's not exactly a sketch begging for big screen treatment, but one that Will Forte and co-writer/director Jorma Taccone (known for his directing work on SNL's Internet-ready Digital Shorts) have turned into one of the best SNL movie spinoffs to ever theaters.

**MacGruber opens Friday**

The reason MacGruber works as a film is because the creators didn't simply repeat their sketch formula, but expanded the scope of the character to create a loving homage/parody of testosterone driven action films.

"It's a lot different than the sketch," Will Forte says. "I think people are expecting that it's just going to be the sketch over and over again for 90 minutes, but they should be pleasantly surprised by how different it is."

"I think in terms of the inspiration, the movie really came from our love of late '80s and early '90s action movies," says Jorma Taccone. "This was our attempt at making an ode to those movies, so we wanted everything surrounding MacGruber to be as deadpan and serious as possible. Out intention was to make it less goofy than you would expect from an SNL movie."

As a result, the film looks like a glossy blockbuster, is packed with explosions, and features a cast of dramatic actors like Val Kilmer and Powers Boothe playing their silly roles absolutely straight.

MacGruber doesn't feel like a movie rooted in sketch comedy, but a vintage action flick highjacked by some subversive comic minds willing to have their hero distract machine gun toting villains by stripping nude and using a stock of celery in an unnatural manner.

Sure, it's not exactly high art, but it is incredibly funny and surprisingly cinematic given the origins of the piece.

MacGruber is a loving parody of testosterone-driven action films.

"When Lorne Michaels suggested the movie we were as skeptical as everyone else because let's face it, it's a sketch about a guy who blows up every week," says Forte. "We wanted to do something different and started throwing around all these insane ideas.

"Every step of the way we thought that someone was going to come in and say, 'Oh, you can't do that.' But that never happened. We had so much freedom on this and really were able to make exactly the movie we wanted to make. It was shocking."

# Mulligan gets Cannes education with Wall Street sequel

**MOVIES** The education of Carey Mulligan continues with a trip to the Cannes Film Festival.

Coming off a breakthrough year with her Academy Award nomination for the British drama An Education, Mulligan costars as the estranged daughter of a 1980s icon — Michael Douglas' corporate raider Gordon Gekko — in Oliver Stone's sequel Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps.

The Wall Street sequel premiered over the weekend at Cannes, the latest step in Mulligan's quick rise to worldwide celebrity. Though she has another film coming soon with good friend Keira Knightley, Mulligan is not rushing to cash in on her star status.

"I haven't worked since we wrapped Wall Street, and I don't have any plans," Mulligan, who turns 25 next week, said in an interview. "I'm just trying to find a cool part, and I don't want to jump into something that I've already done or repeat myself."

Mulligan was two when Wall Street came out in 1987, the film establishing financial viper Gekko as the face of 1980s greed. With Douglas returning as Gekko — an insider-trading parolee now broke and barred from trading — the sequel casts Mulligan as daughter Winnie, who wants nothing to do with her father.

Idealist Winnie Gekko works for a non-profit website aiming to expose corruption. Yet she has not quite severed ties with Wall Street. Her fiance — played by Mulligan's real-life boyfriend Shia LaBeouf — is a rising star at an investment house who falls under his future father-in-law's sway while trying to bring about a reconciliation between Winnie and Gordon.

Carey Mulligan at the premiere of Oliver Stone's sequel Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps at the Cannes Film Festival.

LaBeouf threw himself into research, learning the hustle of trading, spending time with billionaire investors and even making cold calls to potential clients. "Oliver wouldn't give me the job otherwise," LaBeouf said.

Mulligan had no inclination to follow her boyfriend on his Wall Street education.

"I've never had any interest in finance," Mulligan said.

To school herself in Winnie's idealism, Mulligan spent time with activists from such groups as MoveOn.

"I saw a really hopeful side. They make you feel bad because you put on a dress for a living, and they're trying to change the world," Mulligan said. "But I saw a really positive side of this."

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Beauvois shows Polanski support**

French director Xavier Beauvois has expressed support for detained filmmaker Roman Polanski by holding up a T-shirt emblazoned with Polanski's name during a photo call at the Cannes Film Festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Five must-see movies

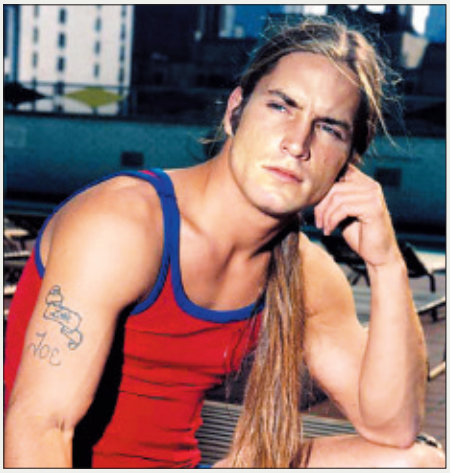
**1 Little Joe:**
Cult actor, Warhol muse and former street hustler Joe Dallesandro tells it like it was.

**2 It Came from Kuchar:**
Filmmakers John Waters, Christopher Coppola, Guy Maddin and Atom Egoyan show up in this madcap doc about the eccentric Kuchar Brothers.

**3 Butthole Lickin':**
Hilarious, ultra short comedy where two lesbians bicker over sexual hygiene.

**4 Off World:**
Beautifully shot and almost poetic, this award-winning Canadian drama about a Toronto man returning too the Manila slum he escaped as a child.

**5 Beautiful Darling — The Life and Times of Candy Darling, Andy Warhol Superstar:**
Another searing look at a different graduate of the Warhol factory, the late, elusive trans-superstar Candy Darling. BY CHRIS ALEXANDER



Little Joe is a documentary starring sex symbol Joe Dallesandro.

# 20 years of Inside Out

## This film fest is just as relevant and vital today

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

**The representation of homosexuality in cinema has changed dramatically since film first became the most popular form of pop culture communication more than 100 years ago.**

Stereotypes have been smashed, much social shame has been lifted and mainstream representation is at an all time high.

Still, not all of the stigmas are gone and not all of the unwarranted hate has halted. That is why a festival like Inside Out is just as relevant and vital today as it has ever been.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, Inside Out, Toronto's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered film and video festival, runs from May 20 through 30; 10 days of moving images that collect a diverse tapestry of voices all commenting on issues centred around gay culture and identity.

"This year is really great," says longtime festival executive director Scott Ferguson.

"I'm really excited about some of our retrospective programming (like a revival of Todd Haynes' Poison) and especially the films featured in our spotlight on South America.

"One film in particular from that series is Undertow. It's the story of a married fisherman in a small village who's having an affair with another man. But nothing in the film is cliché and it totally twists conventions. It's a masterpiece."

Bear Nation, a film that looks at the place Bears (a nickname for burly, hirsute gay men) have within the gay community, is one of the highlights at this year's Inside Out festival.

**The Inside Out festival begins tomorrow**

Other highlights at this year's Inside Out include a fantastic array of documentaries on iconic counter-culture heroes, like Warhol Factory stud Joe Dallesandro (the compelling and revealing Little Joe) and avant-garde underground filmmakers George and Mike Kuchar (the brilliant and hilarious It Came from Kuchar), as well as a selection of homegrown works helmed by Canadians and whose messages know no borders.

"There's a fantastic film we have featured as part of our Canadian content called Bear Nation," Ferguson reveals.

**"There's just so much incredible content this year ... I'm really excited about some of our retrospective programming"**
Scott Ferguson,
executive director, Inside Out

"It's directed by Malcom Ingram, who made a fantastic film last year called Small Town Gay Bar. It looks at Bear culture and the place Bears (another name for burly, hirsute gay men) have within the gay community.

"It's funny as hell but also moving. But really, there's just so much incredible content this year…you have to come check us out."

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**Jazz saxophonist injured**
A publicists for Boney James say the Grammy-nominated jazz saxophonist has cancelled a show after being struck by a suspected drunken driver in Long Beach, Calif. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Stones look back with Exile, movie

If given the chance, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards wouldn't relive their wild days with the Rolling Stones.

**Mick Jagger and Keith Richards aren't interested in repeating the past.**

The legends say if given the chance, they wouldn't try and relive their wild days with the Rolling Stones.

"We have done it once, don't want to do it again," Jagger says. But that doesn't mean that they wouldn't re-watch it — and they've done plenty of that lately with the Stones-produced documentary, Stones in Exile, chronicling the making of their iconic 1972 album, Exile on Main Street.

"It was kind of odd at the beginning, but you get used to it," Jagger said last week. "It is always fun piecing together what actually happened because your memory of that is so long ago, you don't really remember what went on because it is such a long period of time."

The movie is also being paired with the rerelease of the album, with 10 new tracks.

Jagger and Richards — in separate interviews — talked about their trip down memory lane, trying to improve upon perfection in Exile on Main Street, and, of course, sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll

**Q How hands on where you with the project?**

**A** Jagger: The film was my baby because I thought it was the best kind of thing to do — evoking a period, to make a film about the making of the record. Normally, these kinds of films are corny and they are painted by numbers. ... What I wanted to do is I want the viewer to feel like they are really in the period, like they are really stuck in the period. I think in the end we achieved that.

**Q Exile on Main Street is considered to be one of the best rock albums of all time. Why add extra tracks and mess with what some think is perfection?**

**A** Richards: We had guys searching around in the can, and all of this other stuff came out. We realized we would have finished if we had the time. We were going to put out 18 tracks on Exile, so we couldn't force the record company to put out anymore at gunpoint. They either got left behind because they were not quite finished, so we finished them after 40 years. Jagger: Four of them are alternate takes of the ones that are already on there. The most hard work for me was finding the six new tracks and finishing them because they were not finished. They were raw and had never been touched whereas the tracks that were out on Exile, we took them to L.A. We did vocals. We put other things on them and mixed them. These had not gone through that process. I had to take that 40 years later and do the process. It was fun because after a while, I just said, "If this was done yesterday, what would you do now?" Don't treat it like it is 40 years ago, the process of it.

**Q Does it trip you out that you are still doing this nearly 40 years later?**

**A** Richards: It is weird you go check out what you have done in the past. You try it. You don't want to go there. Jagger: It is weird really. When you do these kinds of things, especially when you are younger, you don't really think of them as a piece for prosperity. You are just doing it for that year because next year there will be another record, so, you don't really think at the time, "This will hold up, or I'm so proud of it. This will be something I will be looking back on in 40 years." You don't think of it. I don't think people in rock music, especially at that time ever thought like that.

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**Daughtry set to be a dad again**

Chris Daughtry is going to be a dad again. On his website, the American Idol rocker broke the news that he and wife Deanna Daughtry are expecting twins through a surrogate. POPEATER.COM

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Cameron Diaz lends her voice as Princess Fiona again in Shrek Forever After, the fourth and final installment in the film series.

# Fiona forever after

## Shrek star Diaz shows off her warrior side

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

**It's hard to imagine anyone discussing a follow-up to something called Shrek: The Final Chapter, but star Cameron Diaz insists she's ready, willing and able to lend her voice as Princess Fiona again.**

"It's easy. It's not like asking me if I'm going to do 'Charlie's Angels' 10 years from now," Diaz says. "It's a little different fitting into those pants from 10 years ago. But with Shrek of course we get to go back to whatever they will be 10 years from now. And hopefully we won't have to wait that long."

After four films, Diaz definitely feels close to Princess Fiona, who in the latest chapter gets recast as something of a warrior princess, thanks to an It's a Wonderful Life-inspired plot plopping the titular ogre in a world in which he'd never been born. But for Diaz, Fiona with a battle axe wasn't much of a stretch. "Fiona's always been a warrior. It's just been a different tone for this film," she says. "She's been a warrior of love through all of these films — what she's worked for, what she's fought for is the love that she has for herself and the love that she has for Shrek and her family and friends."

**Shrek Forever After opens in theatres Friday**

And while the twisting plot gave her a chance to express a different side of her character, there are still some things Diaz herself would like to go back and undo. "When I first started the movie, when I did my voice, I didn't know who was playing my parents," she says. Diaz admits she would've gone for something a little more Anglican "if I had known that Fiona's parents both had British accents — that it was Julie Andrews and John Cleese. It was one of those things like, 'Wait a second! How come I sound like I'm from California?'"

And while she might not resemble her green-skinned on-screen counterpart in real life that much, that hasn't saved Diaz from some uncomfortable fan encounters — though it's usually the parents. "I've had parents come up with their kids and say, 'Do you know who this is? This is Princess Fiona.' And the kids are literally in tears," Diaz says.

"I try to stop them before they tell them because as a kid, you fall in love with characters and you want them to be real. You don't want to believe there's a human being behind it. Same way you want to believe in Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny. So I'm always like, 'Please don't tell them. Don't.' Let Fiona exist as Fiona."

## Video book by Guns N' Roses

**MULTIMEDIA** The latest Guns N' Roses project is not an album, a video or a book: It's all three.

The band has completed a multimedia edition of the biography Reckless Road, in which author Marc Canter tells of the making of Guns N' Roses' multimillion-selling debut Appetite for Destruction.

The video book goes on sale today and was produced by Vook, an Alameda, Calif.-based digital publisher.

Vook says the edition will include text, studio and concert footage and interviews with band members, but not lead singer Axl Rose. It has a suggested price of $4.99 and can be downloaded from Vook's website, vook.com, or from Apple's iTunes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## In brief

**MUSIC** Canada will be well-represented at this year's BET Awards. Toronto R&B singer Melanie Fiona nabbed four nominations for the 10th annual awards bash, while fellow Toronto native Drake took three nominations plus another for his Young Money group. Fiona's nominations include best female R&B artist and video of the year (It Kills Me). THE CANADIAN PRESS


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**Buffy actress files for divorce**

Former Buffy the Vampire Slayer actress Emma Caulfield has filed for divorce from her husband of more than three years. The 37-year-old Caulfield cites irreconcilable differences for the split from Cornelius Grobbelaar. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Law & Order ends run without fanfare

**Was a proper goodbye too much to ask for Law & Order?**

There would never have been many loose ends for Law & Order to tie up, nor would a startling, much-talked-about conclusion (such as The Sopranos or, presumably, Lost) be consistent with its style. But it deserves to be going out with a bit of ceremony.

Airing Monday at 10 p.m., the episode Rubber Room is the series' last. That's what NBC abruptly ruled less than a week ago: Law & Order is done. So this episode is helpless to bring us any closure. No finale here. Just the end of the line — after 20 seasons and some 450 episodes on NBC, with no other networks scrambling to save it.

Law & Order has been on the air so long it managed to evolve from a raw, innovative and challenging drama in the eyes of its audience at the start, into a clever but comfortable diversion as the years wore on. And all this with the show barely changing.

Of course, the faces changed (some two dozen actors occupied the series' six main roles). The stories were constantly replenished by the news and other real-life twists that inspired each case. But the rock-steady routine of the show (from its signature "chung-CHUNG" to its cops-and-courts formula) held firm throughout and, for its fans, became second nature.

So, somewhere along the line, Law & Order became more, and less, than a groundbreaking TV drama. It became a trusty TV friend.

Even without new episodes in the future, it will remain a TV friend, ever more comfortable to curl up with, as its reruns live on. This friendship will include Rubber Room, which, viewed on cable years from now for the umpteenth time, will go unrecognized as the series' last hurrah.

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The veteran thespian gave the keynote speech at Barnard College's 2010 commencement ceremony Monday in New York and was duly presented with the Barnard Medal of Distinction. **EONLINE.COM**

## CMT Awards' play list heats up

**MUSIC** There will be plenty of testosterone on stage at the CMT Awards next month. Tim McGraw, Brad Paisley and Zac Brown Band are now confirmed to perform. And Kid Rock won't just be hosting the show, he'll be performing, too. Fans can continue voting at CMT.com through June 8 to determine the winners. The awards air live on CMT and CMT.com Wed., June 9 at 8 p.m.

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# Degrassi dishes up more drama

**Fans of Degrassi will get a daily dose of the series when the 10th season debuts this summer.**

The teen drama plans to air 24 episodes four nights a week in July and August before returning to a weekly schedule in September.

Producer and actor Stefan Brogren says it's an experiment that'll see twice the number of shows this year.

Brogren, whose character Mr. Simpson returns as school principal, says it also means longer storylines and more cliffhangers.

New cast members include Jordan Todosey of Life With Derek, Munro Chambers, Luke Bilyk and Alicia Josipovic.

The series will be simulcast on MuchMusic in Canada and Teen Nick in the United States.

Brogren says the show's young viewers are eager for new material in the summer.

"With this generation having everything available at their fingertips they find themselves hungrier than ever for new content so we're trying to give it to them," says Brogren.

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Stefan Brogren
Degrassi producer and actor

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Jay Manuel (above) and MTV Canada host Jessi Cruickshank (left) both have cameos in Degrassi's two-hour season kick-off movie.

Brogren says the change also makes for a more intense shooting schedule, with scenes covered at a much faster pace.

"It's not like before where you'd get five or six takes to get your performance down or to get the lines right. It really has to be done on the second take."

The season kicks off in July with a two-hour TV movie, D:NYC — Degrassi Takes Manhattan.

Cameos in the film include Mary Murphy of So You Think You Can Dance, MTV Canada host Jessi Cruickshank, Canada's Next Top Model host Jay Manuel and comic Colin Mochrie.

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**Johnny Mnemonic**
There's a lesson to be learned from this 1995 sci-fi tale: Never send a boy to do a computer's job — i.e., transporting a big bunch of data embedded in his brain. Why? Well, computer meltdowns aren't fatal, but if this guy doesn't do a brain dump on time, he's dead. That's if the assorted gangsters and guerrillas who want what's in his head don't get him first. Actually, there's a second lesson: Not every sci-fi movie starring Keanu Reeves is worth your time. 12 PM on PIX

**Village of the Damned**
Some B movies are best left in column B and not remade by A-list directors. John Carpenter's intentions may have been good in trying to update Wolf Rilla's 1960 tale of creepy children born at the same time, who all look alike and have mysterious powers. And he got some decent actors, including Christopher Reeve, to go along for the ride. But sorry, John, there's nothing like the original. File this next to "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" in the "movies that were good enough the first time around" drawer. 1:40 PM on PIX

## Drake tops MMVA nominations

**MUSIC** Drake has nabbed a leading seven nominations for next month's MuchMusic Video Awards.

Drake

The June 20 awards show will be held only a few days after the Toronto rapper drops his long-awaited debut Thank Me Later on June 15. Vancouver's Hedley is close behind Drake with six nominations while 16-year-old teen-pop sensation Justin Bieber earned four nods. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Five new dramas on ABC this fall

**TV** Dana Delany, Michael Imperioli, Michael Chiklis, Rob Morrow and Joely Richardson are among the stars who will appear in new shows on ABC's fall schedule.

ABC is losing Lost at the end of its run this month, and its fall schedule is heavy on dramas. Five of its seven new series are hour-long dramas, with a medical, legal and police show among them. The network is cancelling last season's ambitious Flash Forward. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**How much would you pay to hear Bristol speak?**
Bristol Palin recently told People magazine that being a single mother was financially difficult for her. Well, this should help a little. Palin is set to join the speaker circuit and stands to make between $15,000 and $30,000 U.S. per speech, RadarOnline reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Celebrity Buzz

# Bieber gets a bitty baby bird on his hip

**AND THREE MILLION 13 YEAR OLD GIRLS TAKE UP BIRD WATCHING** Justin Bieber has got a tattoo, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 16-year-old singer reportedly had a small bird inked onto his hip shortly after his 16th birthday in March, at the Son of a Gun tattoo parlour in Toronto.

According to gossip website bestweekever.tv, having the design marked a family tradition.

Justin was accompanied to the tattoo parlour by his father Jeremy, who "showed his approval by giving a thumbs-up when they posed for a photo with staff."

The site also published pictures of the Baby hitmaker on the tattooist's table, though a clear image of the completed design could not be seen.

However, photographs of him topless on a beach in Sydney, Australia, show the artwork visible on his pelvis.

Fans have already taken to Twitter to express their views on the teenager's inking.

StopJBFanWar wrote: "Justin Bieber has a tattoo? That's hot."

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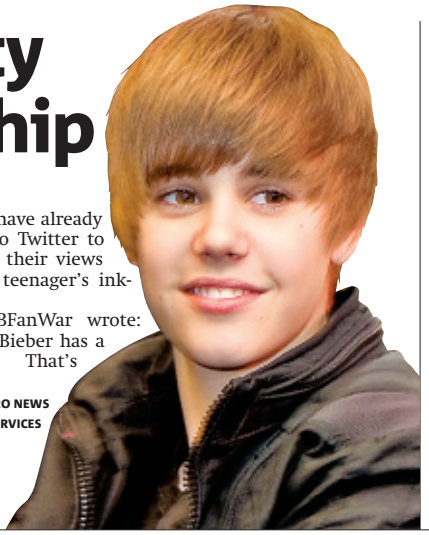

## Likes them just the way they are

**STICKING TO HER AU NATUREL ROOTS. AT LEAST THOSE ARE NATURAL** Despite rumours that she recently had breast augmentation surgery, Kate Hudson insists she's comfortable with what she was born with.

"I'm pretty comfortable with my body," Hudson tells the Daily Telegraph. "I'm imperfect. The imperfections are there. People are going to see them, but I take the view you only live once."

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## CelebTweets

**COURTNEY LOVE** is going into television, **MARIAH CAREY** is putting out fires, and **MATTHEW PERRY** is surrounded by tough critics.

@CourtneyLoveUK So ive caved im producing a 'reality show' BUT itll be amazing and i wont be on it much @MariahCarey In Egypt getting ready to go on stage and suddenly there was a surge of power and an electrical fire started under my feet! Naturally,my emergency instincts kicked in and I put out the flames w/a towel. Lol(yet true) @langfordperry The tooth fairy is playing on my airplane. 4 people have already walked out. They are of course now dead. Still, not a bad move.

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# All dogs go to heaven

**OR WHEREVER SCIENTOLOGISTS GO WHEN THEY DIE** John Travolta's pet dogs have been killed in an airport accident, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor was having his plane serviced at Bangor International Airport, in Maine, and asked an airport employee to take the animals for a walk last Thursday, only for tragedy to strike.

A statement from the city said: "At approximately 1 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2010, an airplane carrying members of the John Travolta family landed at BIA.

"While there, two small dogs were taken for a walk by someone who is not a family member.

"An airport service pickup truck was approaching the airplane to service the airplane and did not see the dogs.

"Unfortunately, the dogs were struck and killed. The airport is investigating the accident.

"Out of respect for the family's privacy the city will make no further comment."

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# Alex, pack your bags!

**THIS IS ONE BUS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS** While Alex Rodriguez has recently said he's not planning on getting married again anytime soon, the woman he's believed to be dating is ready to go at the drop of a hat.

"I would probably make the phone call 20 minutes before the bus leaves for the chapel and ask if anyone is available to come. That's probably how my wedding is going to end up," Cameron Diaz tells Parade magazine.

"The mystique and the romance of a big wedding are lost on me. I don't think that I could ever do something that extravagant. I am not much of a planner."

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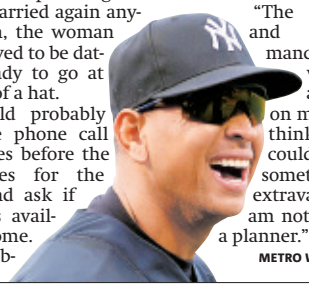

# Down on both knees

**FEELING THE COLD STEEL OF HER SWORD** Simon Cowell will soon be answering to "Sir," as the American Idol judge is reportedly set to be knighted by the Queen of England next month, according to the Mirror.

"Simon deserves the honour because he does so much work behind the scenes for charity and publicly supports good causes," a source says.

"Simon has always joked he'd be last in line for a knighthood, but deep down, it's his dream."

Cowell was reportedly recommended by former Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

"Gordon Brown was very keen for Simon to get proper recognition for his work," a source close to Brown says.

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## No more secrets

**SHARING ALL THE DIRTY DETAILS WITH US IS MUCH EASIER** Disney star Demi Lovato is relieved to let world know she's dating Joe Jonas.

"Every time that I've started to date someone, I've had private relationships, and there's just so much stress trying to hide it and keep it quiet, that if you just come out and say. 'OK, we're together,' you don't have to worry about keeping it such a secret," 17-year-old Lovato tells Us Weekly.

"It was not only scary coming out to the public eye, but also the people who we work with, the people who are going to be on tour with us all summer, who are obviously nervous — because you never know what can happen."

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# Risky business replaced by baby

**PERSPECTIVE IS NICE BUT SO IS THE VIEW OF EARTH FROM SPACE** Salma Hayek was all set to travel to outer space, but then motherhood got in the way.

"I reserved my place with the Virgin Galactic' expedition. And then I got pregnant. And now I'm a mother. So, I'm not going to go," Hayek tells InStyle magazine.

She admits that her two-year-old daughter has influenced her to curb a lot of risky behaviour.

"I love scuba diving and used to dive where the sharks were, and now? No more sharks," she says.

"Everything becomes about the baby. You are in second position, or third."

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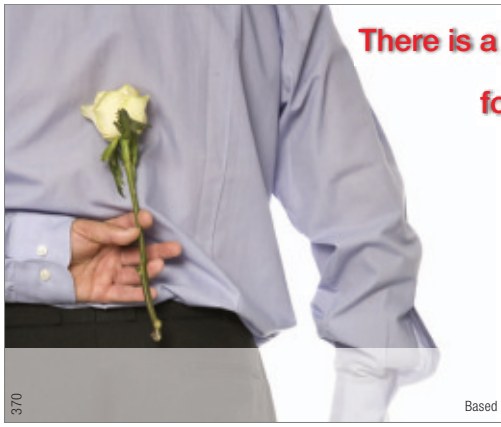

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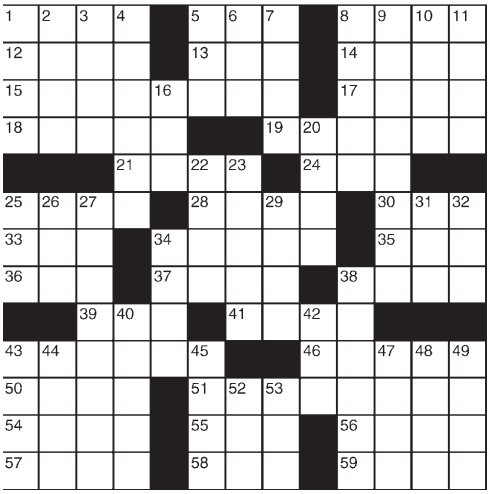

**ACROSS**

1 Radius neighbor
5 Whopper
8 Cruising
12 Litigious sort
13 List-ending abbr.
14 Poker variety
15 SpongeBob's pal Patrick, e.g.
17 Tortoise's challenger
18 Cast away
19 Fairy king of folklore
21 Addition problems
24 Donkey
25 Witticism
28 British prep school
30 Glutton
33 Feedbag tidbit
34 Absolute
35 "— had it!"
36 Monokini lack
37 Galley array
38 Unwanted e-mail
39 Geneticist's abbr.
41 Cavort
43 Different from
46 Stares stupidly
50 Jockey's handful
51 Hoagy Carmichael classic
54 Wilder or Hackman
55 Spot on a domino
56 Otherwise
57 Work units
58 Still
59 Jet forth

**DOWN**

1 Cold War nation (Abbr.)
2 Troubadour's instrument
3 Tide variety
4 Take into custody
5 Mainlander's memento
6 "Monty Python" opener
7 Reverberate
8 Fireplace residue
9 The Enterprise, for one
10 Continental coin
11 Mideast gulf
16 Winter ailment
20 Supply of Monopoly money
22 Transcending (Pref.)
23 Ringo —
25 Occupation
26 Stirrup site
27 Pesky dark-brown bird
29 Approximately
31 Eventual aves
32 Jewel
34 Drench
38 Trick-taking card game
40 Baseball teams
42 Boss (Abbr.)
43 Incite
44 — -do-well
45 Get a glimpse of
47 "— Fiction"
48 Being, to Brutus
49 Mulligan, for one
52 Dead heat
53 Suitable

## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

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## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Asian Chicken Salad

**INGREDIENTS:**

Salad:
500 g romaine lettuce
113 g snow peas
398 ml can lychees, drained and halved
1 large navel orange, peeled and sectioned
1 red plum, pitted and sliced
4 scallions, thinly sliced
375 g skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

Dressing:
1/3 cup light mayonnaise
3 tbsp creamy peanut butter
1 garlic clove, minced

**METHOD:**

1. Finely shred romaine and put into large salad bowl. Trim snow peas and remove strings. Cut peas in half on diagonal and add to salad bowl. Add lychees, orange, plum, and scallions; toss to mix.

2. Coat ridged grill pan with nonstick cooking spray and set over medium-high heat until hot, 2 minutes. Grill chicken breasts until cooked through, 4 minutes per side.

3. Meanwhile, whisk mayonnaise, peanut butter and garlic in measuring cup. Diagonally cut chicken into thin slices and add to salad bowl. Right before serving, drizzle salad with dressing and toss to coat.

**SERVES 4**

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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**ARIES** ♈
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**
Your mind may be all over the place at the moment, but that's no excuse for making the kind of silly mistakes that you would give others an ear-bashing for.

**TAURUS** ♉
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**
If you rush into a new situation without giving it adequate thought you risk getting it wrong and damaging your reputation.

**GEMINI** ♊
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**
The Sun in Taurus makes you sensitive in the extreme and you may find it hard to face the world. So close the curtains and stay indoors.

**CANCER** ♋
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**
Everything seems to be coming easy to you now, but watch out you don't get lulled into a false sense of security.

**LEO** ♌
**JULY 23-AUG 23**
Usually you manage to keep your fears in check but with your ruler the Sun at odds with Neptune today something is sure to make you anxious.

**VIRGO** ♍
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**
Take the advice that your body is giving you and get some rest. On Friday you will be under pressure every minute of the day, so treat yourself gently now.

**LIBRA** ♎
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**
It's okay to daydream but it's not okay to believe that somehow all your daydreams will come true.

**SCORPIO** ♏
**OCT 24-NOV 22**
Watch out you don't get the wrong end of the stick and say or do something you later regret.

**SAGITTARIUS** ♐
**NOV 23-DEC 21**
Listen to the advice you get from friends and family members today but don't think you have to accept it without question.

**CAPRICORN** ♑
**DEC 22-JAN 20**
Don't change your plans just because you are having second thoughts about a project you were previously so enthusiastic about.

**AQUARIUS** ♒
**JAN 21-FEB 18**
You could get rather irritable today, especially if you have to deal with people who tend to let their emotions get in the way of common

**PISCES** ♓
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**
It would appear that someone is looking for an opportunity to tarnish your reputation, but they will only succeed if you do something foolish.

## This day in history

1536: Anne Boleyn, the second wife of Henry VIII of England, is beheaded for adultery, treason, and incest.
1649: An Act of Parliament declaring England a Commonwealth is passed by the Long Parliament. England would be a republic for the next eleven years.
1962: A birthday salute to U.S. President John F. Kennedy takes place at Madison Square Garden, New York City. The highlight is Marilyn Monroe's rendition of Happy Birthday.
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